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Businesses plan for mandates

Biden sets new Jan. 4 deadline

Americans who work at companies with 100 or more employees will need to be fully vaccinated by Jan. 4 or get tested weekly under government rules issued Thursday. **NEWS, PAGE 4**

President of organization promoting economic growth says rules could aggravate staffing crunch

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

The Biden Administration's Jan. 4 deadline for employers to implement a vaccine mandate will be

difficult to enforce, could slow the return of business to downtown Hartford and might lead to staffing issues at companies already struggling to keep up.
Chris DiPentima, president of

the Connecticut Business & Industry Association, said the federal rules have a laudable goal of helping "get the economy moving," but could jeopardize the return of downtown business by requiring vaccines for workers who regularly work on site rather than remotely at home.
"It's sending more and more

people out of downtown," he said. DiPentima also noted that enforcing those rules — which will require tracking employee medical information — will be burdensome at a time when many companies are already struggling with staffing issues.
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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT



Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Manisha Juthani answers a question from Newington High School student Daniel Whitman, center, during a news conference Thursday at NHS. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

‘NO ONE WANTS TO BE QUARANTINED’

On heels of new vaccine eligibility for children, Lamont eases stay-at-home restriction for qualified Connecticut students

By Eliza Fawcett | Hartford Courant

Gov. Ned Lamont announced Thursday a new policy that will ease some quarantine requirements for Connecticut students after potential exposures to COVID-19. Under "Screen and Stay," a new program that schools can opt into, students and staff who come in contact with a known COVID-19 case but who are not yet fully vaccinated can remain in school and not have to quarantine if they are screened and remain asymptomatic.

"The main idea here is, try to keep as many kids in school as possible," said Dr. Manisha Juthani, commissioner of the state Department of Public Health. Students and staff are still required to wear masks. Lamont, who announced

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NEW POLICY: If an exposure occurs, the student will be screened for symptoms. A student without symptoms is welcome to return to school; one with symptoms would have to remain home.

INSIDE: Republicans criticize Lamont's new school policy. **Connecticut, Page 1**

House zeros in on Biden proposals

Dems push to lock in votes on spending, infrastructure plans

By Lisa Mascaro, Farnoush Amiri and Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats in the House appear on the verge of securing President Joe Biden's now-\$1.85 trillion-and-growing domestic policy package alongside a companion \$1 trillion infrastructure bill in what would be a dramatic political accomplishment — if they can push it to passage. The House prepared late Thursday for votes now likely Friday, and White House officials worked the phones to lock in support for the president's signature proposal. House passage of the big bill would be a crucial step, sending to the Senate Biden's ambitious effort to expand health care, child care and other social services for countless

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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi pushes to get both bills across the finish line Thursday at the Capitol. **AP**

DiMassa business partner arrested in probe of relief fund theft

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

FBI agents on Thursday arrested John Bernardo, a West Haven city employee and business partner of former State Rep. Michael DiMassa, and charged him with stealing nearly \$50,000 in federal relief money the city received to cover expenses arising from the coronavirus pandemic.



DiMassa

used since to steal more than \$600,000 by billing the city for

nonexistent pandemic consulting services. DiMassa is accused of spending tens of thousands of dollars gambling at the Mohegan Sun casino.

A new court filing Thursday charges that DiMassa transferred about \$45,000 to Bernardo's personal bank account in three transactions between February and August.

DiMassa and Bernardo were both politically active city employees. In addition to being elected to the legislature — from which he resigned after his arrest Oct. 20 — DiMassa was administrative assistant to the city council and was designated in December by West Haven's newly reelected Democratic Mayor Nancy Rossi as one of two city officials empowered to approve spending on COVID-19 issues.

Colleagues said Bernardo has held a variety of positions in city government. He most recently worked as a housing specialist and was the city liaison to a state tax department program that permits corporations to earn tax credits for donations to eligible nonprofit organizations. No one in the city personnel

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Newington development to include hotel, retail shops

A developer is proposing a 122-room extended-stay hotel in Newington as part of projects around the old National Welding site near the CTfastrak station. **Connecticut, Page 1**

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office was immediately available to explain what Bernardo did as a housing specialist. Both he and DiMassa are on leave from their city jobs. Rossi applauded the

arrest.

“As we continue forward with the investigation into this alleged horrific crime, I am happy to see that those suspected of wrongdoing and fraud are being held accountable for their actions,” she said. “I am sick to my stomach over this alleged theft, and I want all

those individuals involved to be arrested and prosecuted to the full extent of the law. If found guilty, they need to go to jail.”

Bernardo was charged with conspiracy to commit fraud and was released on a \$250,000 bond after an appearance in U.S. District Court in New Haven Thurs-

day morning, DiMassa, also charged with fraud, is free on the same bond.

Pre-election speculation about irregular COVID related expenditures in West Haven became a factor in the campaign for mayor over the summer.

DiMassa’s name surfaced in October amid reports that

the FBI, as well as Rossi’s city administration, were looking into what the mayor called a number of large and apparently irregular expenditures from about \$1.2 million in federal COVID relief funds the city received through the state Office of Management and Budget. “Over the last two weeks,

I have personally reviewed many of West Haven’s federal CARES Act expenditures,” Rossi said last month.

“I have come across several large expenditures that have caused me great concern. Some of the expenditures appear improper and may be potentially fraudulent.”

House

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Americans and deliver the nation’s biggest investment yet fighting climate change.

Alongside the slimmer roads-bridges-and-broadband package, it adds up to Biden’s answer to his campaign promise to rebuild the country from the COVID-19 crisis and confront a changing economy.

But they’re not there yet.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was working furiously Thursday and kept the House late to shore up the votes. The party has been here before, another politically messy day like many before that are being blamed for the Democrats’ dismal showing in this week’s elections. On and off Capitol Hill, party leaders declared it’s time for Congress to deliver on Biden’s agenda.

“We’re going to pass both bills,” Pelosi insisted at a midday press briefing.

Her strategy now seems focused on passing the most robust bill possible in her chamber and then leaving the Senate to adjust or strip out the portions its members won’t agree to.

Half the size of Biden’s initial \$3.5 trillion package, the now sprawling 2,135-page bill has won over most of the progressive Democratic lawmakers, even though the bill is smaller than they wanted. But the chamber’s more centrist and fiscally conservative Democrats continued to mount objections.

Overall the package remains more far-reaching than any other in decades.



Rep. Pramila Jayapal, of Washington state, departs after giving an interview as House Democrats work on a domestic spending bill on Capitol Hill on Thursday. Half the size of President Joe Biden’s initial \$3.5 trillion package, the now sprawling 2,135-page bill has won over most of the progressive Democratic lawmakers, like Jayapal, even though the bill is smaller than they originally wanted. JOSHUA ROBERTS/GETTY

Republicans are fully opposed to Biden’s bill, which is called the “Build Back Better Act” after the president’s 2020 campaign slogan.

The big package would provide large numbers of Americans with assistance to pay for health care, raising children and caring for elderly people at home.

There would be lower prescription drug costs, limiting the price of insulin to \$35 a dose, and Medicare for the first time would be able to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for prices of some other drugs, a long-sought Democratic priority.

Medicare would have a new hearing aid benefit for older Americans, and those with Medicare Part

D would see their out-of-pocket prescription drug costs capped at \$2,000.

The package would provide some \$555 billion in tax breaks encouraging cleaner energy and electric vehicles, the nation’s largest commitment to tackling climate change.

With a flurry of late adjustments, the Democrats added key provisions in recent days — adding back a new paid family leave program, work permits for immigrants and changes to state and local tax deductions.

Much of package’s cost would be covered with higher taxes on wealthier Americans, those earning more than \$400,000 a year, and a 5% surtax would be added on those making

over \$10 million annually. Large corporations would face a new 15% minimum tax in an effort to stop big businesses from claiming so many deductions that they end up paying zero in taxes.

From the White House, “the president has been very clear, he wants to get this moving,” said principal deputy press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre.

As night fell, Democratic leaders struggled to resolve a catalogue of remaining issues as lawmakers balanced the promise of Biden’s sweeping vision with the realities of their home-district politics.

Biden has few votes to spare in the narrowly-divided House and none when the bill ultimately arrives for consideration in the even-

ly-split 50-50 Senate.

Five centrist Democratic lawmakers want a full budgetary assessment before they vote. Others from more Republican-leaning regions are objecting to a new state-and-local tax deduction that favors New York, California and other high-tax states. Another group wants changes to the immigration-related provisions.

In recent days, both the overall price tag and the revenue to pay for it have grown. A new White House assessment Thursday said revenue from the taxes on corporations and the wealthy and other changes are estimated to bring in \$2.1 trillion over 10 years, according to a summary obtained by The Associated Press. That’s up from what had been \$1.9 trillion in earlier estimates.

Pelosi noted a similar assessment Thursday by the bipartisan Joint Committee on Taxation, and she echoed Biden’s frequent comment that the overall package will be fully paid for.

But another model from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania suggested a shortfall in revenue for covering the cost, breeding fresh doubts among some of the Democratic lawmakers.

Still, the Democrats in the House are anxious to finish up this week, eager to deliver on the president’s agenda and, as some lawmakers prepare to depart for a global climate change summit in Scotland, show the U.S. taking the environmental issue seriously.

Democrats have been working to resolve their

differences, particularly with holdout Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, who forced cutbacks to Biden’s bill but championed the slimmer infrastructure package that had stalled amid deliberations.

Manchin has panned the new family and medical leave program, which is expected to provide four weeks of paid time off after childbirth, for recovery from major illness or for caring for family members, less than the 12-week program once envisioned.

Senators are also likely to strip out a just-added immigration provision that would create a new program for some 7 million immigrants who are in the country without legal standing, allowing them to apply for permits to work and travel in the U.S. for five years. It’s not clear that addition would pass muster with the Senate parliamentarian under special budget rules being used to process the package.

On another remaining issue, Democrats are still arguing over a plan partly to do away with the \$10,000 limit on state and local tax deductions that particularly hits high-tax states and was enacted as part of the Trump-era 2017 tax plan.

While repeal of the so-called SALT deduction cap is a priority for several Northeastern state lawmakers, progressives wanted to prevent the super-wealthy from benefiting. Under the plan, the \$10,000 deduction cap would be lifted to \$72,500 for 10 years, starting with the 2021 tax year.

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After fires, tiny sequoias provide big hopes

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

SEQUOIA CREST, Calif. — Ashtyn Perry was barely as tall as the shovel she stomped into barren ground where a wildfire last year ravaged the California mountain community of Sequoia Crest and destroyed dozens of its signature behemoth trees.

The 13-year-old with a broad smile and a braid running to her waist had a higher purpose that — if successful — she'll never live to see: to plant a baby sequoia that could grow into a giant and live for millennia. "It's really cool knowing it could be a big tree in like a thousand years," she said.

The bright green seedling that barely reached Perry's knees is part of an unusual project to plant offspring from some of the largest and oldest trees on the planet to see if genes that allowed the parent to survive so long will protect new growth from the perils of climate change.

The effort led by the Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, a Michigan nonprofit that preserves the genetics of old-growth trees, is one of many extraordinary measures being taken to save giant sequoias that were once considered nearly fire-proof but are at risk of being wiped out by more intense wildfires.

The giant sequoia is the world's largest tree by volume and closely related to the redwood, the world's tallest. Sequoias grow naturally only in a 260-mile belt of forest on the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountains. They have a massive trunk and can grow over 300 feet tall. The coast redwood is more slender and is native near the Pacific Ocean in Northern California.

Giant sequoias — and redwoods — are some of the best fire-adapted plants. Thick bark protects their trunks, and their canopies can be so high they are out of reach of flames.



Tom Wall and Rachel Leitz, volunteers with Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, plant a sequoia seedling Oct. 26. NOAH BERGER/AP

Sequoias even rely on fire to help open their cones to disperse seeds, and flames clear undergrowth so seedlings can take root and get sunlight.

In recorded history, large sequoias had never incinerated before 2015. Destruction of the majestic trees hit unprecedented levels last year when 10% to 14% of the estimated 75,000 trees larger than 4 feet in diameter burned. Thousands more potentially were lost this year during fires that burned into 27 groves — about a third of all groves.

An initial assessment released this week by Sequoia National Forest said the Windy Fire killed hundreds of giant sequoias and many more burned trees may not survive. Scientists are still tallying the damage in neighboring Sequoia National Park from a different lightning-sparked fire.

Climate change and a century of policies emphasizing extinguishing wild-

land blazes rather than letting some burn to prevent bigger future fires are to blame, said Christy Brigham, chief of resource management and science at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. Hotter droughts have led to more intense fires that have burned through fuels accumulated through fire suppression.

Last year's destruction to the sequoias brought Brigham to tears.

"They're so big and so old and so individual and iconic and quirky that even people who don't love trees, love them. They speak for all the trees," Brigham said. "The fact that we've now created fires that they can't survive is very heartbreaking."

To save the trees this year, extreme measures were taken, including wrapping trunks of the largest trees in a fire-resistant foil, setting up sprinklers, raking the flammable matter from around the trees and even using gel in the canopies to

repel flames.

But those labor-intensive measures are not practical, Brigham said. More needs to be done before fire approaches, including thinning vegetation and using prescribed burns to reduce the buildup of vegetation. They are also thinking about replanting.

One of the areas that burned intensely last year was the Alder Creek grove, where the Sequoia Crest community has stood since the middle of last century. Fifty homes and cabins were destroyed, leaving empty concrete foundations next to charred tree stumps. Some blackened giants still stand sentry on steep hillsides in the area, 150 miles north of Los Angeles.

It was in that grove, one of the few privately owned, that Archangel had gathered cones and taken clippings over the past decade to clone and preserve the genes of two of the oldest and largest trees. One of those trees,

named Stagg, the world's fifth-largest, survived while the fire killed one named Waterfall.

"Talk about divine providence," said David Milarch, co-founder of Archangel. "Little did we know that Waterfall would burn down two years ago and we'd have the only seedlings of that tree."

Milarch's mission is to archive the genetics of ancient trees, breed them and replant them. He believes the oldest trees have superior genes that enabled them to live through drought, disease and fire and will give their offspring a better chance of survival.

Two years ago, the undeveloped part of the grove was bought by Save the Redwoods League.

The league is already replanting on its land to study if seedlings can survive where high-severity fire destroyed any ability for trees to naturally reproduce, said Joanna Nelson, science

director for the organization.

While Nelson wouldn't rule out using seedlings from Stagg, estimated to be 3,000 years old, the project is designed to find the best genetic diversity to increase their survival.

"That genetic makeup served that tree very well for the past 3,000 years," Nelson said. "However, we know that the next 3,000 years are going to be more difficult — in terms of warming and drying land and air and bigger wildfires that are more frequent. We have conditions coming that these trees haven't experienced."

Residents who lost homes and those who were spared banded together to excavate water pipes to provide irrigation for the seedlings and, along with Archangel workers and volunteers, dug holes under a thin coat of snow last week and planted small green flags to mark planting locations.

Uta Kogelsberger, whose cabin was destroyed, said she doesn't plan to rebuild but wants to leave a legacy she will probably never see.

"We are all in some ways responsible for these fires — the way we've been treating our planet," Kogelsberger said. "The loss of the cabin was absolutely devastating, but the loss of the amazing ecosystem that surrounds it is just beyond compare. You know, you can replace a house, but you cannot replace a 2,000 to 3,000-year-old sequoia tree." Residents were joined last week by a science class of seventh and eighth graders from Springfield, which sits at the bottom of the mountain, to help plant 150 of the 7-year-old seedlings.

Ashtyn and two friends carefully removed the little tree from its pot, untangled the roots and planted it near a charred rock, packing the soil around it. They named it "Timmy the Tree."

Ashtyn said she'd like to return once a year to see how it's growing.



Under the direction of principal Terra Tigno, Gov. Ned Lamont, back, and Newington High School students prepare to be photographed during a news conference Thursday at NHS. Lamont announced new guidelines allowing students and staff to remain in school after they have been identified as close contacts to a known COVID-19 case. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

Schools

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the new quarantine policy at Newington High School Thursday morning, said the state is "getting closer" to lifting the mask mandate for schools.

"We will make a decision in December-January" about masks in schools, Lamont said.

He said the state is looking closely at how many younger students get vaccinated and what happens during the upcoming holidays.

"If we still maintain our low community spread, I think we will be able to announce some changes."

The number of confirmed COVID-19 cases has been steadily declining among school staff and students since late September.

Juthani emphasized that COVID-19 vaccinations — which are now available for children ages 5 to 11 in Connecticut — are the best means to stop the spread of the virus in schools.

"Screen and Stay" reflects data showing that mask-on-mask COVID-19 exposures in school settings tend to be low risk, Juthani said.

The policy applies to

possible exposures during the school day, as well as exposures that occur indoors or on a school bus, or outdoors during school hours if individuals were masked or unmasked but supervised by staff.

But it does not apply to COVID-19 exposures that occur during interscholastic or athletic activities outside of in-school physical education, or during out-of-school interactions.

Nor does it apply to COVID-19 exposures that occur while the individuals involved are not consistently wearing a mask or standing six feet apart.

If an exposure occurs, the school will notify a student's parent or guardian and then ask the family to screen for COVID-19 symptoms.

A student without symptoms is welcome to return to school; one with symptoms would have to remain home.

Juthani noted that officials decided not to include a testing requirement as part of the program because testing is "extremely costly."

And while the Department of Public Health recognizes the possibility of asymptomatic transmission, she said, there are

other mitigating factors in schools, including mask-wearing and COVID-19 vaccinations.

"This is our first step in the off-ramp of this pandemic," Juthani said.

Dr. Maureen L. Brummett, the Newington Public Schools superintendent, said that the policy had "the potential to truly eliminate, or drastically reduce, all of our students on remote learning."

Some Newington High students who attended Lamont's announcement said that quarantining periods are more rare now than they had been last year, when students were being sent home regularly.

To them, "Screen & Stay" seemed like a logical policy. "I do think that it's a step forward and that it will help us," said Alyse Karanian, 18, a Newington senior.

Menna Majdoub, 17, also a senior, said that students who might have to quarantine now had far more limited access to remote learning, making staying in school all the more important.

"You could be getting no learning and just assignments if you're online, so no one wants to be quarantined," she said.

Mandate

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The new rules, announced Thursday by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, will affect a broad range of businesses across Connecticut. They will require proof of vaccination or weekly testing for workers at companies with more than 100 employees and for workers at health care facilities that treat Medicare and Medicaid patients.

The Biden administration says 70% of all adult Americans are fully vaccinated and the new rules target tens of millions who remain unvaccinated. The requirements will apply to about 84 million workers at medium and large businesses, although it is not clear how many of those employees are unvaccinated.

"While I would have much preferred that requirements not become necessary, too many people remain unvaccinated for us to get out of this pandemic for good," Biden said Thursday in a statement.

But DiPentima said enforcing those rules will be difficult. Employers who are already coping with a labor shortage will be forced to put administrative staff to work interpreting a 490-page federal document on how to comply with the rules, DiPentima said.

DiPentima said record-keeping to determine who's been vaccinated and testing schedules could be troublesome. He cited problems at the state level when Gov. Ned Lamont in September ordered state employees to prove they've been vaccinated or are complying with weekly testing requirements.

Numerous state employees said they had been incorrectly listed as unvaccinated when they had gotten a shot, although fears of widespread shortages in state government have not materialized. In



President Joe Biden says about 70% of all adult Americans are fully vaccinated, and the new mandate targets tens of millions who remain unvaccinated. SUSAN WALSH/AP FILE

New York City, vaccine mandates have led to staffing issues among firefighters and concern about the police force as well.

Lamont supports the White House deadline, but said there's "some hesitancy" at getting the shot.

At an appearance at Newington High School Thursday, the governor said the Biden administration "firmly believes that these deadlines have incented more and more people to get vaccinated and we were able to keep businesses going safely."

And business managers and executives will find themselves caught between their employees and the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which is enforcing the rules, he said.

"They're not thrilled with being stuck in the middle," DiPentima said.

Companies with 100 or more employees must require workers to get fully vaccinated with two shots of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines or one shot of Johnson & Johnson by Jan. 4. Any employee who remains unvaccinated after that date must provide a verified negative COVID test weekly.

Companies aren't required to pay for those tests. Unvaccinated employees also must wear masks.

Fines for noncompliance will vary based on a company's size and other factors. A company might have to pay up to \$13,653 per indi-

vidual violator or up to \$136,532 for willful violation of the rules.

Raytheon Technologies Corp., the parent company of East Hartford-based jet engine maker Pratt & Whitney, will "potentially lose several thousand people" who will not be vaccinated against COVID-19, Chief Executive Officer Greg Hayes said in October. The company employs 125,000 in the U.S. and more than 180,000 workers worldwide.

Pratt & Whitney, which makes engines for fighter jets, was required as a federal contractor to fully vaccinate workers by Dec. 8 as part of a separate Biden executive order. A spokeswoman for Pratt & Whitney said Raytheon Technologies is applying the federal rule to its Pratt & Whitney and Collins Aerospace commercial aviation subsidiaries.

The Hartford Financial Services Group said in an emailed statement it's "actively reviewing" the federal requirements "to understand the implications for our business."

Stanley Black & Decker Inc., the New Britain manufacturer of tools and storage systems, said it has strongly encouraged employees to get vaccinated "if they are able to do so." It plans to encourage employees to get vaccinated and will offer a testing option.

Reporting by Associated Press is included in this report.

US sets Jan. 4 for vaccine mandate

New work rules seen as a way to persuade holdouts to get shots

By David Koenig
Associated Press

Tens of millions of Americans who work at companies with 100 or more employees will need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Jan. 4 or get tested for the virus weekly under government rules issued Thursday.

The new requirements are the Biden administration's boldest move yet to persuade reluctant Americans to finally get a vaccine that has been widely available for months — or face financial consequences.

If successful, administration officials believe it will go a long way toward ending a pandemic that has killed over 750,000 Americans.

First previewed by President Joe Biden in September, the requirements will apply to about 84 million workers at medium and large businesses, although it is not clear how many of those employees are unvaccinated.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations will force the companies to require that unvaccinated workers test negative for COVID-19 at least once a week and wear a mask in the workplace.

OSHA left open the possibility of expanding the requirement to smaller businesses. It asked for public comment on whether employers with fewer than 100 employees could handle vaccination or testing programs.

Tougher rules will apply to another 17 million people working in nursing homes,



President Joe Biden said he would have preferred that vaccine requirements “not become necessary.” DREW ANGERER/GETTY

hospitals and other facilities that receive money from Medicare and Medicaid. Those workers will not have an option for testing.

Workers will be able to ask for exemptions on medical or religious grounds.

The requirements will not apply to people who work at home or outdoors.

“While I would have much preferred that requirements not become necessary, too many people remain unvaccinated for us to get out of this pandemic for good,” Biden said Thursday in a statement.

Biden also said his encouragement for businesses to impose mandates and his own previous

requirements for the military and federal contractors have helped cut the number of unvaccinated Americans over 12 from 100 million in late July to about 60 million now.

Those measures, he said, have not led to mass firings or worker shortages, adding that vaccines have been required before to fight other diseases.

OSHA said companies that fail to comply with the regulations could face penalties of nearly \$14,000 per violation.

However, the agency will face enforcement challenges. Even counting help from states, OSHA has only 1,850 inspectors to oversee 130 million workers at

8 million workplaces. An administration official said the agency will respond to whistleblower complaints and make limited spot checks.

The release of the rules followed weeks of regulatory review and meetings with business groups, labor unions and others.

OSHA drafted the rules under emergency authority meant to protect workers from an imminent health hazard.

The agency estimated that the vaccine mandate will save more than 6,500 worker lives and prevent more than 250,000 hospitalizations over the next six months.

The rules set up potential

legal battles along partisan lines between states and the federal government. Several states and Republican governors threatened to sue, contending that the administration lacks the power to make such sweeping mandates under emergency authority.

OSHA's parent agency, the Labor Department, says it is on sound legal footing. The department's top legal official, Seema Nanda, said OSHA rules preempt conflicting state laws or orders, including those that bar employers from requiring vaccinations, testing or face masks.

For weeks, Biden has encouraged businesses not to wait for OSHA to act.

He has touted businesses that announced their own vaccine requirements and urged others to follow their lead.

Administration officials say those efforts are paying off, with about 70% of adults fully vaccinated.

Workplace vaccine mandates have become more common recently, with hospitals, state and local governments and some major corporations requiring COVID-19 shots for employees. The mandates have led to overwhelming compliance — in some cases 99% of workers — although a small but vocal number have faced dismissal, filed lawsuits or sought exemptions.

United Airlines required 67,000 U.S. employees to get vaccinated or face termination. Only a couple hundred refused to do so, although about 2,000 are seeking exemptions.

Walmart, the nation's largest private employer, said in late July it was requiring all workers at its headquarters in Bentonville, Arkansas, and managers who travel within the United States to be vaccinated by Oct. 4. The retailer stopped short of requiring shots for frontline workers, however.

Several corporate groups, including the Business Roundtable, endorsed the mandate. However, retail groups worried the requirement could disrupt their operations during the critical Christmas shopping period.

The National Retail Federation suggested the new rules are not needed because the rolling average number of new daily cases in the U.S. has fallen by more than half since September.

GOP state officials decry workplace vaccine order

Officials in 14 states plan to file lawsuits as soon as Friday

By Andrew DeMillo
and Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Republican state officials reacted with swift rebukes Thursday to President Joe Biden's newly detailed mandate for private employers to require workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19, threatening a wave of lawsuits and other actions to thwart a requirement they see as a stark example of government overreach.

At least two conservative groups moved quickly to file lawsuits against the workplace safety mandate, and a growing roster of GOP governors and attorneys general said more lawsuits were on the way as soon as Friday. Some Republican-led states had already passed laws or executive orders intended to protect employers that may not want to comply.

“This rule is garbage,” South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson, a Republican, said Thursday through a spokesperson. “It's unconstitutional and we will fight it.”

States have been preparing for the requirement since Biden previewed it in September. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements released Thursday call for companies with 100 or more employees to be vaccinated by Jan. 4 or be tested weekly. Failure to comply could result in penalties of nearly \$14,000 per violation. Federal officials also left open the possibility of expanding the mandate to smaller employers.

Republican governors or attorneys general in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and South Dakota said Thursday they would file lawsuits against the mandate as soon as Friday. The Daily Wire, a conservative media company, filed a challenge in federal court Thursday. So did companies in Michigan and Ohio represented by a conservative advocacy law firm.

Robert Alt, a lawyer representing the Midwest companies suing — manufacturer Phillips Manufacturing & Tower Company and packaging firm Sixarp — said both companies are already

facing staffing shortages amid the pandemic.

“It adds insult to injury and forces them potentially to fire trained employees,” Alt said.

States say they are focusing on the role of the federal government in the lawsuits they're preparing.

“While I agree that the vaccine is the tool that will best protect against COVID-19, this federal government approach is unprecedented and will bring about harmful, unintended consequences in the supply chain and the workforce,” Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb said.

At a news conference, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis criticized what he called an “executive fiat” for the private sector. Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds characterized the mandate as an imposition on personal choice, saying people should be able to make their own health care decisions. She recently signed a bill guaranteeing that people who are fired for refusing a vaccine can qualify for unemployment benefits.

At least 19 Republican-led states previously sued the Biden administration over a separate mandate requiring vaccines for employees who work for federal contractors. Three more filed similar



Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis is seen with state Attorney General Ashley Moody. Florida is one of 14 states that plan to sue over President Biden's vaccine mandate. CALVIN KNIGHT/THE LEDGER

lawsuits Thursday.

Biden, in a statement Thursday, dismissed the argument from many GOP governors and lawmakers that a mandate for employers will hurt businesses' ability to keep workers on the job. “There have been no ‘mass firings’ and worker shortages because of vaccination requirements,” he said.

All 26 Republican state attorneys general have previously said they would fight the requirements, and most of them signed a letter

to Biden saying as much. Key to their objection is whether OSHA has the legal authority to require vaccines or virus testing.

In the letter to Biden, the top state government lawyers argued that the agency can regulate only health risks that are specific to jobs — not ones that are in the world generally. Seema Nanda, the top legal official for the U.S. Department of Labor, which includes OSHA, says established legal precedent allows rules that keep workplaces safe and

that those rules preempt state laws.

That hasn't stopped state lawmakers and governors for taking a variety of actions aimed at undercutting federal mandates.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott last month issued an executive order prohibiting private companies or any other entity from requiring vaccines, while Arkansas has adopted a law creating a vaccine-mandate exemption for workers who can prove they have COVID-19 antibodies.

Russian analyst who aided with the Steele dossier charged with lying to FBI

By Eric Tucker
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Russian analyst who contributed to a dossier of Democratic-funded research into ties between Russia and Donald Trump was arrested Thursday on charges of lying to the FBI about his sources of information.

The case against Igor Danchenko is part of special counsel John Durham's ongoing investigation into

the origins of the FBI's probe into whether Trump's 2016 campaign and Russia had conspired to tip the outcome of that year's presidential campaign.

The indictment is likely to boost complaints from Trump allies that well-connected Democrats worked behind the scenes to advance suspicions about Trump and Russia that contributed to the FBI's election-year investigation.

The case does not undercut investigators' findings

that the Kremlin aided the Trump campaign — findings that were not based on the dossier.

The five-count indictment accuses Danchenko of making multiple false statements to the FBI when interviewed in 2017 about his role in collecting information for Christopher Steele, a former British spy who was paid by Democrats to investigate connections between Trump and Russia.



Durham

Danchenko, a U.S.-based Russian who'd specialized in Russian and Eurasian matters as an analyst at the Brookings Institution, was a significant source for Steele as Steele compiled his dossier of research.

A lawyer for Danchenko had no immediate comment.

The indictment says Danchenko misled the FBI by denying that he had discussed any allegations in the dossier with a contact of

his who worked as a public relations executive and was also a longtime Democratic operative who campaigned for Hillary Clinton, Trump's 2016 opponent.

Trump's Justice Department appointed Durham as Trump claimed the investigation of campaign ties to Russia was a witch hunt. But the dossier had no part in launching the Trump-Russia investigation.

The indictment is the third criminal action from Durham.

Cybersecurity lawyer Michael Sussmann was charged in September with lying to the FBI during a 2016 conversation in which he relayed concerns about potentially suspicious cyber contacts between a Trump Organization server and the server of a Russian bank. Sussmann has pleaded not guilty.

Last year, Kevin Cline-Smith, a former FBI lawyer, admitted altering an email related to the surveillance of the Trump aide, Carter Page.

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Death penalty foes offer support

Nun says praying aloud should be OK at executions

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After Sister Barbara Battista, a Roman Catholic nun staunchly opposed to the death penalty, agreed to accompany a condemned man at his execution in federal prison, she wondered doubtfully, “Am I just part of this whole killing machine?”

“The answer is ‘No,’” she decided, proceeding with her mission to the death chamber in Terre Haute, Indiana, where in August 2020 Battista said a silent prayer while witnessing the lethal injection of Keith Dwayne Nelson, convicted of kidnapping, sexually assaulting and killing a 10-year-old girl.

“No matter how heinous the act, no matter how much I’m opposed to it, that person deserves to have someone who is there simply because they care,” she said.

Battista’s name is now on a friend-of-the-court brief submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court by the American Civil Liberties Union. Along with other spiritual advisers and former corrections officials, Battista argues against a Texas policy that prohibits a Southern Baptist pastor from praying aloud and laying hands on a condemned man, John Ramirez, as he is executed.

Ramirez, sentenced to death for the 2004 murder of a convenience store clerk, was scheduled to be executed Sept. 8, but the Supreme Court ordered a delay to consider claims that restrictions on the pastor’s role would violate his religious liberties. Oral arguments are scheduled for Tuesday.

The ACLU has a long history of opposing the death penalty and also says that condemned prisoners, even



Sister Barbara Battista speaks during a protest against the death penalty near the federal prison complex in Terre Haute, Indiana. MICHAEL CONROY/AP 2020

at the moment of execution, have religious rights.

“If the state is going to engage in this practice, it should make every effort to honor the dignity and religious liberties of those it plans to kill,” said Daniel Mach, director of the ACLU Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief. Intriguingly, the ACLU’s position in the Ramirez case is echoed by some conservative religious groups that support the death penalty and are often at odds with the ACLU on other issues, for example in cases where religious conservatives believe they have a right to discriminate against LGBTQ people.

The Southern Baptist Convention has an official position supporting “the fair and equitable use of capital punishment.” Last month the SBC joined six other faith-based groups in a friend-of-

the-court brief making the same argument as the ACLU — that Ramirez’s pastor, Dana Moore, should be able to lay hands on him and pray aloud during the execution.

“Religious freedom doesn’t end as you approach the moment of death,” said Brent Leatherwood, acting president of the SBC’s public policy arm. “The state has yet to make a compelling reason for why Pastor Moore cannot minister to Mr. Ramirez in these final moments.”

Texas allows spiritual advisers into the execution chamber but bars them from praying audibly or being by the condemned inmate’s side. In its arguments to the Supreme Court, Texas said granting Ramirez’s request would be a step toward enabling federal courts to “micromanage” details of execution protocol.

In some cases, states still

employing capital punishment have made adjustments to comply with court orders regarding spiritual advisers.

In February, for example, the Supreme Court blocked Alabama from executing Willie Smith III — convicted of the 1991 abduction and murder of a 22-year-old woman — unless it allowed his personal pastor to be present in the execution chamber. Alabama complied; Smith was executed Oct. 21 with the pastor, Robert Wiley, by his side.

Efforts to provide condemned prisoners with spiritual comfort at their executions have been ecumenical.

In 2019, the Supreme Court blocked Texas from executing a Buddhist prisoner unless he was allowed to have a Buddhist priest at his side. The same year, the

high court allowed Alabama to execute a Muslim inmate, Domineque Ray, even though his spiritual adviser was not allowed to be present. In the past year, Yusuf Nur, a Muslim professor of business who teaches at Indiana University Kokomo, was the spiritual adviser at two federal executions of Muslim inmates. He was present — and permitted to say a traditional Islamic prayer aloud — for the executions of Orlando Hall in November 2020 and Dustin Higgs in January.

“When I first got recruited to talk to a young guy who accepted Islam in prison, I went to see him,” Nur said. “My feeling was that if this person wants somebody to talk to, and the U.S. government is planning to execute him, I’d do whatever I can to contribute so they’re spiritually strong.”

Nur, who opposes capital punishment, said he was moved by the atmosphere in the death chamber for Hall’s execution, given that the others present were “people who came to execute him.”

“To have a friendly face makes a difference to the person being executed,” Nur said. “I’m glad I did it even though it was traumatic to witness a human being killed right in front of your eyes. I would do it again.”

Nur has shared his convictions with Battista, whose order — the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods — is based just 10 miles from the federal prison complex in Terre Haute.

All four lethal injections she and Nur attended were part of the federal government’s unprecedented run of 13 executions in six months at the end of the Trump administration.

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WORLD & NATION

As Earth warms, history unearthed

Amid surging temperatures, secrets of past lives come from permafrost, glaciers

By Franz Lidz
The New York Times

For the past few centuries, the Yup'ik peoples of Alaska have told gruesome tales of a massacre that occurred during the Bow and Arrow War Days, a series of long and often brutal battles across the Bering Sea coast and the Yukon.

According to one account, the carnage started when one village sent a war party to raid another. But the residents had been tipped off and set an ambush, wiping out the marauders. The victors then attacked the undefended town, burning it and slaughtering its inhabitants. No one was spared.

For the past 12 years, Rick Knecht has led an excavation at a site called Nunalleq, about 400 miles west of Anchorage, Alaska.

"When we began, the hope was to learn something about Yup'ik prehistory by digging in an average village," said Knecht, an archaeologist at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. "Little did we know that we were digging in something approaching the Yup'ik equivalent of Troy."

Their most astonishing discovery was the charred remnants of a large communal sod house. The ground was black and clayey and riddled with hundreds of slate arrow points, as if from a prehistoric drive-by shooting.

In all, the researchers and native Yup'ik people who live in the area unearthed more than 100,000 well-preserved artifacts, as well as the singed carrion of two dogs and the scattered bones of at least 28 people, almost all women, children and elders. Several of them had evidently been dragged out of the house, bound with grass rope and killed — some beheaded.

"It is a complex murder scene," Knecht said. "It is also a rare and detailed archaeo-

logical example of Indigenous warfare."

Until recently, the site had been deep-frozen in the subsoil known as permafrost. As global temperatures gather pace, permafrost and glaciers are thawing and eroding rapidly across vast areas of Earth, releasing many of the objects that they had absorbed and revealing aspects of life in a once-inaccessible past.

"The circumpolar world is, or was, full of miraculously preserved sites like Nunalleq," Knecht said. "They offer a window into the unexpectedly rich lives of prehistoric hunters and foragers like no other."

Glacial archaeology is a relatively new discipline. The ice was literally broken during the summer of 1991 when German hikers in the Ötztal Alps spotted a tea-colored corpse half-embedded on the Italian side of the border with Austria. Initially mistaken for a modern-day mountaineer killed in an accident, Ötzi the Iceman, as he came to be called, was shown through carbon-dating to have died about 5,300 years ago.

In 2006, a long, hot autumn in Norway resulted in an explosion of discoveries in the snowbound Jotunheimen mountain range, home to the Jötnar, the rock and frost giants of Norse mythology.

Of all the dislodged detritus, the most intriguing was a 3,400-year-old proto-Oxford shoe most likely fashioned out of reindeer hide.

The discovery of the Bronze Age shoe signified the beginning of glacial surveying in the peaks of Innlandet County, where the state-funded Glacier Archaeology Program was started in 2011.

Outside of the Yukon, it is the only permanent rescue project for discoveries in ice. Glacial archaeology differs



A Yup'ik mask is seen embedded in the Alaskan permafrost. Climate change reveals long-frozen artifacts, but also causes them to decay rapidly. **RICK KNECHT/UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN**

from its lowland cousin in critical ways. Researchers with the program usually conduct fieldwork only within a short time frame, from mid-August to mid-September — between the thaw of old snow and the arrival of new.

"If we start too early, much of the snow from the previous winter will still cover the old ice and lessen the chance of making discoveries," said Lars Holger Pilo, co-director of the program. "Starting too late is also hazardous. We

might get early winter snow, and the field season could be over before we begin." Glacial discoveries tend to be limited to what archaeologists can glean on the previously ice-locked ground.

When the program started, the finds were mainly Iron Age and medieval, from 500 to 1,500 years ago.

But as the melting widens, ever older periods of history are being exposed.

"We have now melted back to the Stone Age in some places, with pieces as

old as six millennia," Pilo said. "We are speeding back in time."

Spectacular glacial finds invariably involve luck, as Craig Lee, an archaeologist at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, can attest. Fourteen years ago, in the mountain ice outside Yellowstone National Park, he spotted the foreshaft of a throwing spear called an atlatl dart, carved from a birch sapling 10,300 years ago. The primitive hunting weapon is the earliest organic artifact

ever to be retrieved from an ice patch.

"In the Yukon, ice patch discoveries have given us new insights into the pre-European tradition of copper-working by Indigenous peoples," said William Taylor, an archaeologist at the University of Colorado Museum of Natural History in Boulder. "In the Rockies, researchers have recovered everything from frozen trees that document important changes in climate and vegetation to the hunting implements of some of the first peoples of the continent."

Ice patches turn out to be where most discoveries are made. The basic difference between a glacier and an ice patch is that a glacier moves. An ice patch does not move much, which makes it a more reliable preservationist.

"The constant movement inside glaciers damages both bodies and artifacts, and eventually dumps the sad debris at the mouth of the ice floe," Pilo, of the Glacier Archaeology Program in Norway, said.

Lee, of the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, likens the destruction wrought by glacial degeneration to a library on fire.

"Now is not the time to stand around pointing fingers at one another trying to lay blame for the blaze," he said. "Now is the time to rescue what books can be saved for the edification of the future."

But while retreating ice and snow makes some prehistoric treasures briefly accessible, exposure to the elements threatens to swiftly destroy them.

Once soft organic materials — leather, textiles, arrow fletchings — surface, researchers have a year at most to rescue them for conservation before the items degrade and are lost forever.

"After they are gone," Taylor said, "our opportunity to use them to understand the past and prepare for the future is gone with them."



Alok Sharma, chair of the COP26 climate summit, said Thursday that the "end of coal is within sight." Some countries plan to wean themselves off the fossil fuel slowly. **ALASTAIR GRANT/AP**

Critics call pledge at COP26 to phase out coal 'optimistic'

By Frank Jordans
and Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — In the fight to curb climate change, several major coal-using nations announced steps Thursday to wean themselves — at times slowly — off of the heavily polluting fossil fuel.

The pledges to phase out coal come amid other promises made at the U.N. climate summit in Glasgow, Scotland, that the head of an international energy organization said trimmed several tenths of a degree from projections of future warming.

But outside experts called that "optimistic."

Optimism also abounded in relation to the promises on coal, which has the dirtiest carbon footprint of the major fuels and is a significant source of planet-warming emissions.

"Today, I think we can say that the end of coal is in sight," said Alok Sharma, who is chairing the conference of nearly 200 nations, known as COP26.

Critics say that vision is still obscured by a lot of smoke because several

major economies still have yet to set a date for ending their dependence on the fuel, including the United States, China, India and Japan — which was targeted outside the summit venue Thursday by protesters clad as animated characters.

What nations have promised varies. Some have pledged to quit coal completely at a future date, while others say they'll stop building new plants, and even more, including China, are talking about just stopping the financing of new coal plants abroad.

The British government said pledges of new or earlier deadlines for ending coal use came from more than 20 countries including Ukraine, Vietnam, South Korea, Indonesia and Chile.

Some came with notable caveats, such as Indonesia's request for additional aid before committing to bring its deadline forward to the 2040s.

Meanwhile, Poland, the second-biggest user of coal in Europe after Germany, appeared to backtrack on any ambitious new commitments within hours of the announcement.

"Energy security and

the assurances of jobs is a priority for us," Anna Moskwa, Poland's minister for climate and environment, said in a tweet, citing the government's existing plan, which "provides for a departure from hard coal by 2049."

Earlier in the day, it had seemed that Poland might bring that deadline forward by at least a decade.

Campaigners reacted angrily to the apparent U-turn.

"Moskwa has underscored that her government cannot be trusted to sign a postcard, let alone a responsible climate pledge," said Kathrin Gutmann, campaign director of the group Europe Beyond Coal.

Separately, more than two dozen countries, cities and companies joined the Powering Past Coal Alliance, whose members commit to ending coal use by 2030, for developed countries, and no later than 2050 for developing ones.

Meanwhile, the United States, Canada, Denmark and several other nations signed a different pledge to "prioritize" funding clean energy over fossil fuel projects abroad.

Mostly white Ga. jury puts race out front in Arbery trial

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — The selection of a nearly all-white jury to decide the fate of three men charged with murder for chasing and killing Ahmaud Arbery has forced concerns about racial fairness to the forefront of the case before the trial even begins.

The trial over the 25-year-old Black man's slaying by white men who spotted Arbery running in their neighborhood has become part of the broader reckoning on racial injustice in the U.S. legal system and whether Black victims get treated fairly.

Arbery's family and their supporters had their faith rattled Wednesday when 2 ½ weeks of jury selection ended with the judge agreeing to seat a jury of 11 whites and one Black man. Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley said he agreed with prosecutors that the exclusion of other Black potential jurors appeared to be "intentional discrimination." He also said Georgia law limited his authority to intervene after defense attorneys stated nonracial reasons for cutting those jurors.

Greg McMichael and his adult son, Travis McMichael, armed themselves and pursued Arbery in a pickup truck on Feb. 23, 2020, as he ran in a subdivision outside Brunswick. A neighbor, William "Roddie" Bryan, joined the chase in his own truck and took cellphone video of Travis McMichael shooting Arbery three times with a shotgun.

No arrests were made until the graphic video of the shooting leaked online more than two months later. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation took over the case from local police and the McMichaels and Bryan were soon jailed on charges of murder and other felony



Judge Timothy Walmsley agreed with prosecutors that the exclusion of other Black potential jurors appeared to be "intentional discrimination." **STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP**

counts. Defense attorneys say the men committed no crimes. They say Arbery had been recorded by security cameras inside a nearby house under construction and they suspected him of stealing. Greg McMichael told police his son opened fire in self-defense after Arbery attacked with his fists and grappled for Travis McMichael's shotgun.

Black potential jurors seemed to face greater scrutiny than whites as they were questioned by lawyers during jury selection, and the resulting jury likely favors the defense, said Page Pate, a Georgia criminal defense attorney who isn't involved in the case.

"I'm not saying it's intentionally discriminatory, or if it was just the dynamic of this case, but it was a lot harder to get on this jury if you were Black than if you were white," Pate said.

Many expressed strong opinions about Arbery's killing and their beliefs that race played a role. Some knew Arbery or other members of his family. Defense attorneys cited those reasons for striking Black people from the pool.

The judge said the group of 48 used to narrow down the final jury had included 12 potential jurors who were Black. Prosecutors

were allowed to strike a dozen people from the pool and defense lawyers got to cut 24, for virtually any reason save for one exception. The Supreme Court has held it's unconstitutional to exclude potential jurors based solely on race or ethnicity.

"It's outrageous that Black jurors were intentionally excluded," Ben Crump, an attorney for Arbery's father, Marcus Arbery Sr., said Thursday.

Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, left the courthouse saying she remained confident the jury would "make the right decision." But she also said she was "very shocked that we only had one Black" on the panel.

When the trial begins with opening statements from lawyers, tentatively set for Friday, the judge plans to seat 15 jury panelists — the main jury of 12, plus three alternates.

The total number shrank by one Thursday when the judge dismissed a juror from the main panel, a white woman, citing medical reasons. The race of the alternate juror who replaced her was not known. The judge has not given the races of the alternate jurors, and they weren't asked their race in court during jury selection.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Rioter who bragged she wouldn't go to jail gets time behind bars

From news services

A real estate agent from suburban Dallas who flaunted her participation in the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol on social media and later bragged she wasn't going to jail because she is white, has blond hair and a good job was sentenced Thursday to two months behind bars.

While some rioters sentenced for the same misdemeanor conviction have received only probation or home confinement, prosecutors sought incarceration for Jennifer Leigh Ryan, of Frisco, Texas, saying she has shown a lack of candor and remorse for her actions when the pro-Trump mob attacked the Capitol building and delayed Congress' certification of Joe Biden's Electoral College victory.

They also said Ryan's belief that she's shielded from punishment shows she doesn't grasp the seriousness of her crime.

Ryan wasn't facing a felony for more serious conduct, but U.S. District Judge Christopher Cooper said she was still among the mob who outnumbered police in an attack that led to the deaths of five people and will have a lasting effect on government institutions.

Though Ryan said she was sorry for her actions, Cooper questioned whether she is remorseful and has respect for the law.

"Your actions since Jan. 6 make me doubt some of those things," the judge said.

Prosecutors said Ryan traveled to Washington on a jet chartered by a Facebook friend, described Trump's rally before the riot as a prelude to war, livestreamed her entry into the building as alarms sounded, participated in chants of "Fight For Trump," tweeted a photo

of herself next to broken windows outside the Capitol and later said she deserved a medal for what she did.

Her lawyer responded that she was in the building for only two minutes, didn't act violently and has a First Amendment right to speak up on social media.

The judge then referred to Ryan's March 26 tweet in which she wrote, "Definitely not going to jail. Sorry I have blonde hair white skin a great job a great future and I'm not going to jail. Sorry to rain on your hater parade. I did nothing wrong."

She is the 10th person charged in the Jan. 6 attack to get a jail or prison sentence. More than 650 people have been charged for their actions at the Capitol. Ryan is expected to start serving her sentence in January.

Biden administration sues Texas: The Biden administration on Thursday sued Texas over new voting rules that outlasted a summer of dramatic protests by Democrats, who face fading hopes of overhauling the nation's election laws in response to a wave of new restrictions in Republican-led states.

The lawsuit does not challenge the entirety of a sweeping measure signed in September by Republican Gov. Greg Abbott in Texas, which already has some of the nation's toughest voting rules. It instead targets provisions surrounding mail-in voting requirements and voter assistance, which the Justice Department argues violate federal civil rights protections.

The Justice Department will continue to use all the authorities at its disposal to protect this fundamental pillar of our society."

Opponents of the Texas law known as Senate Bill 1 had already sued the state,



Children play with firecrackers Thursday during Diwali celebrations in New Delhi, India. Diwali, the festival of lights, is one of Hinduism's most important festivals dedicated to the worship of Lakshmi, the Hindu goddess of wealth. Last year, celebrations in India were upended by a renewed spike in COVID-19 infections, but festivities this year seem to be back. **ALTAF QADRI/AP**

accusing Republicans of setting out to disenfranchise minorities and other Democratic-leaning voters.

Abbott and other Texas Republicans say the changes provide safeguards against voter fraud, which is rare.

Census director: Robert Santos was confirmed Thursday as the next U.S. Census Bureau director, becoming the first person of color to lead the nation's largest statistical agency on a permanent basis.

The Senate approved Santos, a third-generation Mexican American statistician from San Antonio, Texas, for the job overseeing a bureau that conducts the once-a-decade census, often described as the nation's largest civilian mobilization, as well as surveys that create the data infrastructure of the nation. In his new job, Santos, 66, will be responsible for leading the agency as it lays the groundwork for executing the next census in 2030, as well as shepherding the last releases of data gathered during the 2020

census and supervising other bureau programs.

Ethiopia Tigray crisis: Ethiopia's government marked a year of war by lashing out Thursday in response to international alarm about hate speech, comparing the rival Tigray forces to "a rat that strays far from its hole" and saying the country is close to "burying the evil forces."

The statement from the government communication service came amid urgent new efforts to calm the escalating war as a U.S. special envoy arrived and the president of neighboring Kenya and others called for an immediate cease-fire.

U.S. special envoy Jeffrey Feltman, who this week insisted that "there are many, many ways to initiate discreet talks" toward peace, met Thursday with Ethiopia's deputy prime minister and ministers of defense and finance, and his visit continues Friday.

Merck COVID-19 pill: Britain granted conditional authori-

zation on Thursday to the first pill shown to successfully treat COVID-19 so far. It also is the first country to OK the treatment from drugmaker Merck, although it wasn't immediately clear how quickly the pill would be available.

The pill was licensed for adults 18 and older who have tested positive for COVID-19 and have at least one risk factor for developing severe disease, such as obesity or heart disease.

Patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 would take four pills of the drug, molnupiravir, twice a day for five days.

An antiviral pill that reduces symptoms and speeds recovery could prove groundbreaking, easing caseloads on hospitals and helping to curb outbreaks in poorer countries.

Molnupiravir is also pending review with regulators in the U.S., the European Union and elsewhere. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced last month it would convene

a panel of independent experts to scrutinize the pill's safety and effectiveness in late November.

Epstein's ex-girlfriend's jury selection: The weekslong process of selecting a jury for the federal sex trafficking trial of financier Jeffrey Epstein's ex-girlfriend, a British socialite, began Thursday with a video introduction from the judge in which she called jury trials the "bedrock of American democracy."

Defendant Ghislaine Maxwell has said she is innocent of charges alleging that she recruited teenagers who were not yet adults for Epstein to sexually abuse from 1994 to 2004, Judge Alison J. Nathan told 132 prospective jurors.

Although jurors will not be sequestered, their privacy will be ensured because they will be referenced by numbers and will be transported to and from the trial each day, Nathan said.

Oral questioning of jurors begins mid-month, with opening statements scheduled for Nov. 29.

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OPEC+ rejects Biden call to ramp up oil production

By David McHugh and Josh Boak
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — OPEC and allied oil-producing countries rebuffed pressure from President Joe Biden to pump significantly more oil and lower gasoline prices for U.S. drivers, deciding Thursday to stick with their plan for cautious monthly increases even as prices surge and the global economy is thirsty for fuel.

The OPEC+ alliance, made up of OPEC members led by Saudi Arabia and nonmembers led by Russia, approved an increase in production of 400,000 barrels per day for the month of December at an online meeting.

That is in line with the group's road map to add that amount of oil to the market every month into next year. The plan is to open the petroleum taps bit by bit — even as oil prices have surged to seven-year highs — until deep production cuts made during the coronavirus pandemic are restored.

That hasn't gone down well with Biden, who has made repeated calls to pump more oil. The U.S. used the Group of 20 summit last weekend in Rome to consult with other

oil-consuming countries on how to exert influence over the producing countries and what they might do if the Saudis and Russians continue to hold back.

“Our view is that the global recovery should not be imperiled by a mismatch between supply and demand,” a White House National Security Council statement said Thursday. “OPEC+ seems unwilling to use the capacity and power it has now at this critical moment of global recovery for countries around the world.”

Saudi Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said member countries were “underscoring their commitment to market stability.”

He said OPEC+ was serving as a responsible market “regulator,” comparing the relative stability of the oil market to the wild swings in prices for natural gas, which have risen more than five times what they were at the start of the year amid a global fossil fuel crunch.

“Markets need to be regulated, or things may go astray as we have been seeing over the past four months,” he said at a news conference.

The caution from OPEC+ means higher prices worldwide and more revenue for

producing countries. Slower increases also mean less risk of increasing production too fast and sending prices suddenly lower as the group braces for the possibility of more economic turbulence from COVID-19 outbreaks this winter or from supply chain backups, labor shortages and rising consumer prices that have threatened the global recovery.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak said the alliance considered “the pluses and minuses,” including higher reserves in some countries, the seasonal drop in demand in winter and the impact of the delta variant.

Biden this week blamed higher oil prices on refusal by Russia and the OPEC nations to increase production. He declined to say what steps his administration would take but hinted that additional actions were coming.

The steady rise in U.S. gas prices has eased in recent days as the typical post-summer drop in demand was delayed this year, according to motor club federation AAA.

The average U.S. price of gas rose to \$3.40 a gallon. AAA predicted that elevated crude prices will likely keep pushing up gas prices as long as oil prices are above \$80 per barrel.

US jobless claims slide to pandemic low of 269K

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits fell to a fresh pandemic low last week, another sign the job market is healing after last year's coronavirus recession.

Jobless claims dropped by 14,000 to 269,000 last week. Since topping 900,000 in early January, the weekly applications have fallen more or less steadily ever since and are gradually moving toward pre-pandemic levels of around 220,000 a week.

Overall, 2.1 million Americans were collecting unemployment checks the week of Oct. 23 — down from 7.1 million a year earlier when the economy was still reeling from the coronavirus outbreak.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out weekly ups and downs, dropped below 285,000, also a pandemic low.

The job market has been rebounding since the pandemic struck the U.S. economy in the spring of 2020. In March and April of that year, employers slashed more than 22 million jobs as governments ordered lockdowns.

The U.S. will release monthly jobless claims Friday, and economists believe employers added 400,000 jobs in October, more than twice the number of jobs that were added in September.

“Claims are headed in the right direction, showing the labor market recovery continues, albeit slowly,” wrote economists with Contingent Macro Research on Thursday.

Government relief checks and the rollout of vaccines have helped consumers resume spending — so much so that companies have scrambled to keep up with surging demand.

Companies complain that they can't find workers to fill their job openings, and are being forced to raise wages, offer signing bonuses and improve benefits and working conditions.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Trade gap hits \$80.9B in Sept.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit hit an all-time high of \$80.9 billion in September as American exports fell sharply while imports, even with supply chain problems at American ports, continue to climb.

The September deficit topped the previous record of \$73.2 billion set in June, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. The deficit is the gap between what the United States exports to the rest of the world and the imports it purchases from foreign nations.

Part of the weakness reflected a 15.5% drop in petroleum exports related to the drilling rig and refinery shutdowns during Hurricane Ida in the Gulf of Mexico. Economists expect that decline to reverse with petroleum production coming back on line.

30-year mortgage rate falls to 3.09%

SILVER SPRING, Md. — The average long-term mortgage rate in the U.S. ticked back down this week following several weeks of increases.

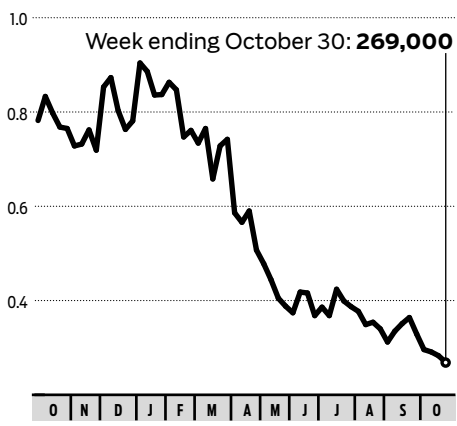
Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac reported Thursday that the average rate for a 30-year mortgage fell to 3.09% from 3.14% last week.

Last year at this time, the long-term rate stood at 2.78%. The rate for a 15-year loan, a popular option for homeowners refinancing their mortgages, fell to 2.35% from 2.37% last week. Rates remain historically low, though limited inventory and rising prices are leaving many potential homebuyers on the sidelines.

The Fed's announcement came as higher prices for just about everything have burdened households.

Jobless claims

Initial unemployment claims, seasonally adjusted, in millions per week



R. Glenn Williamson is Canada's Arizona honorary consul and founder and CEO of the Canada Arizona Business Council. ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Snowbirds glad to head south

Canadians set to hit warmer sites once border reopens after pandemic restrictions

By Anita Snow and Terry Tang
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Canadians Ian and Heather Stewart are savoring the idea of leaving behind this winter's subzero temperatures when the U.S. reopens its borders to nonessential land travel next week and they launch a long-delayed drive to their seasonal home in Fort Myers, Florida.

Restrictions imposed by both countries during the coronavirus pandemic and their own concerns kept the retired couple and millions of other Canadians from driving south to warmer climes like Florida, Arizona and Mexico during last year's freezing winter months.

Now, the Biden administration's decision to allow vaccinated people to enter the U.S. by land for any reason starting Monday has many Canadians packing up their campers and making reservations at their favorite vacation condos and mobile home parks. Some are already in the U.S., arriving on flights that never stopped and have required just a negative COVID-19 test.

But many have waited to drive, preferring the convenience of having a vehicle to get around in with rental cars scarce and expensive.

Vacasa, a management company for over 30,000 vacation homes in North America, Belize and Costa Rica, said it saw a major rise in traffic on its online platform after the new rules were announced. Canadian users' views at rentals in snowbird-popular destinations jumped by 120%.

The Stewarts will board their SUV with two dogs and a cat Wednesday for the four-day trek from Ottawa, Ontario, to spend six months on Florida's Gulf Coast.

“We love it there,” said Ian Stewart, 81, a retired air traffic controller with the Royal Canadian Air Force. “There's such a nice feel with the good weather that lets you get out and walk and talk to your neighbors. And you don't have to worry about slipping on the ice and breaking your bones!”

The Arizona Office of Tourism expects an immediate economic impact in a state where people from Canada and Mexico traditionally make up the largest number of overnight visitors, said Becky Blaine, the office's deputy director.

“The phones have been ringing off the hook since they announced the border will be reopened,” said Kate Ebert, manager of

the Sundance 1 RV Resort in Casa Grande, halfway between Phoenix and Tucson.

Casa Grande Mayor Craig McFarland said the city of about 62,000 people usually swells by another 25,000 each winter.

Wendy Caban of Lake Country, British Columbia, is thrilled she and her husband, Geoffrey, can soon drive to their resort home in the Phoenix suburb of Mesa.

“I'm looking forward to seeing a lot of friends that we made over the last dozen years,” Wendy Caban said. “I'm looking forward to the warmth.”

But the couple, both 73, are still mulling when to leave.

“I think it's going to be insane on Nov. 8,” Caban said. “So, we'll wait a few days.”

Arizona's Office of Tourism says close to 1 million Canadian tourists accounted for \$1 billion in spending in 2019. That plunged to 257,000 Canadians who spent \$325 million last year.

R. Glenn Williamson, Canada's Arizona honorary consul and founder and CEO of the Canada Arizona Business Council, said the numbers for tourists don't consider longer term stays by part-time resident Canadians who spend months at a time in homes they own in Arizona — as many as 200,000 additional people spending another \$1.5 billion locally each year.

American Girl Dolls, Risk in Toy Hall of Fame

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — American Girl Dolls and the strategy board game Risk were inducted into the National Toy Hall of Fame on Thursday in recognition of their influence on the toy industry. Sand, which the group called perhaps the most universal and oldest toy in the world, was also inducted.

All three were honored during a ceremony at the hall after winning over a panel of experts who voted for them from a group of 12 finalists.

Also in the running this year were four other competitive games: Battleship, The Settlers of Catan, mahjong and billiards, as well as Cabbage Patch Kids, Masters of the

Universe, Fisher-Price Corn Popper, the toy fire engine and the pinata.

American Girl Dolls, the 1986 creation of educator Pleasant Rowland, were recognized for their exploration of the country's social and cultural history.

The 18-inch historical dolls and accompanying books each offer insights into an era. For example, Molly McIntire is waiting for her father to return home from World War II.

The Truly Me contemporary doll line, with its diversity of skin tones, hair and gender, followed in 1995, letting children choose a doll that looks like them.

Rowland, 80, called the American Girl Doll's inclusion “an incredible honor.”

“I'm so proud of the American Girl family

— past and present — who have been faithful stewards of this brand for more than three decades, helping to capture the hearts of an entire generation of girls,” she said in a statement.

Risk, based on the French game Le Conquete du Monde, was first published in the United States in 1959 and continues to influence other board games, hall officials said. It challenges players to control armies and conquer the world on a game board that is a map of continents.

Sand was honored for its “opportunities for tactical, physical, cooperative, creative, and independent free play,” according to the hall of fame, which is housed inside The Strong Museum of Play in Rochester, New York.

BUSINESS



Mario Dedivanovic, one of the most influential makeup artists, speaks last month at City Center Mirdif Mall in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. JON GAMBRELL/AP

Makeup makes a comeback in Mideast as pandemic ebbs

By Malak Harb
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — While pandemic style saw people put on pajamas and their hair up in a bun, 2021 is more about mascara and lip liners — and makeup sales in the multibillion-dollar Mideast market are beginning to improve.

For women in the region — and particularly the Gulf Arab states — makeup is one of their biggest expenditures, offering an opportunity for expression even to those who cover their hair and part of their face with black veils.

After a pandemic sales slump, analysts predict the Middle East makeup market will grow by as much as 5% over the next five years, even as sales in some parts of the world continue to slow.

Drawing on those trends, Dubai — the glitzy city-state that is part of the United Arab Emirates — has been hosting a number of events and celebrities. Among them was Mario Dedivanovic, known for doing Kim Kardashian’s makeup, who

hosted a talk on the future of beauty over the weekend. With more than 9 million followers, Dedivanovic is one of the most influential makeup artists currently on the scene.

“Dubai is such a cosmopolitan city, Dedovanovic told The Associated Press. He said makeup artists in Dubai are “doing everything at the same pace that ... it is being done in Paris and Milan and London.”

The makeup industry was worth \$4 billion in the Middle East even in the pandemic, according to market research group Euromonitor International. But the virus hit it hard with the surge in demand from home and cancellations of many social events such as weddings.

Pandemic-related job losses also meant less disposable income.

Globally, the makeup industry declined by 16% in 2020, Euromonitor said, with the slump less drastic at 10% in the Middle East.

Amna Abbas, a consultant for beauty and fashion at Euromonitor, said some areas of the Middle East, including the UAE, had

shorter lockdown periods. Once markets reopened, “we saw signs of recovery happening immediately,” she said.

As people began to go back to offices, socialize more and attend events, makeup sales began improving. Euromonitor said makeup sales growth should hit 6% to 8% in the Mideast this year.

Abbas said the growth has been faster than expected, even though the market is not likely to bounce back to pre-pandemic levels until 2022 or 2023. She added that “recovery is still on.”

Online shopping is also becoming increasingly important and so is the use of social media. After 2020, more women turned to purchasing their favorite shades of lipstick or foundation online, assisted at times by an augmented reality feature where they could see what they would look like wearing a specific color.

As part of the growing reliance on online shopping, women in the Gulf follow celebrities, influencers and makeup brands on social media to find out about trends and beauty tips.

Saudis touting Riyadh as key hub for business in the Gulf

By Aya Batrawy
Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — At Dubai’s international airport, travelers can pick up a free guide to the city’s top attractions and events. Curiously, the cover of this month’s “Time Out -DXB” beckons visitors to Saudi Arabia. Emblazoned with an image of the kingdom’s ancient Diriyah fort near the Saudi capital, it reads: “Welcome to Arabia. A Journey You’ve Never Imagined”.

The landlocked, once ultraconservative capital of Riyadh is pitching itself as a city where concerts, movie theaters, world-class sporting events and deal-making are in abundance.

The pitch is part of Saudi Arabia’s plan to grab the limelight and title as the region’s top place to do business. Currently, the more glamorous emirate of Dubai is seen as the region’s hub for finance and tourism.

There are incentives — or, some say, penalties — for businesses to consider: Saudi Arabia has told companies they have until the beginning of 2024 to relocate their regional headquarters to the country or lose out on lucrative government contracts that keep the region’s biggest economy humming.

It’s the latest move by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the kingdom’s day-to-day leader, who’s been empowered by his father, King Salman, to overhaul the economy and reduce its dependence on oil for revenue.

Some investors and their shareholders, however, remain wary of the 36-year-old prince. Four years ago — at the same Ritz-Carlton hotel where a key investment forum took place last week and where 44 multinational companies announced their plans to establish regional headquarters in Riyadh — Prince Mohammed oversaw



A man takes a picture of the Saudi Arabia pavilion at Expo 2020 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. JON GAMBRELL/AP

the unprecedented detention of Saudi business leaders, princes and officers in a purported anti-corruption sweep.

The campaign, described by critics as a shakedown, largely took place outside of the courts and public view. It netted the kingdom more than \$100 billion in assets and cash, according to the government. It also cemented the crown prince’s grip on power.

Saudi Investment Minister Khalid al-Falih said a move by companies to Riyadh is a “win-win.”

“It’s important for us, but it’s even more important for the companies because they will get the benefits of being closer to decision makers,” he said.

The government hopes the “Regional Headquarters Attraction Program” will add \$18 billion to the local economy and create 30,000 new jobs over the next decade.

Creating jobs and diversifying the economy sit at the heart of Prince Mohammed’s Vision 2030 blueprint for transforming the country. He is set to inherit a nation where over a third of the population is under 14, and more than 60% are under 35.

Some investors remain concerned about doing business in the kingdom,

said Ayham Kamel, head of the Middle East division at Eurasia Group, a political risk consultancy that advises companies. He said there is little clarity on tax incentives for businesses that will relocate or whether they will need to adhere to a Saudi hiring quota. The investment minister said the kingdom is working on clear answers.

“To be honest, we had challenges the first five years because our regulations were not ready,” al-Falih said.

Al-Falih said Saudi Arabia wants to be seen as a safe place to do business. He said the self-declared anti-corruption campaign should be seen as a positive sign that the kingdom is “starting a new page” where foreign investors can find a “level playing field.”

Investors remain tepid about Saudi Arabia, though the figures are improving. Foreign direct investment to the kingdom plummeted to \$1.42 billion in 2017.

Last year, foreign direct investment climbed to \$4.6 billion, but that’s still less than in 2016 when it stood at \$7.5 billion.

The figures are dwarfed by inflows to neighboring United Arab Emirates, where FDI was \$13.8 billion last year.

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DOW Trans.	16,733.13	-127.85	+33.79%
DOW Util.	911.11	-3.06	+5.37%
NYSE Comp.	17,168.87	-40.88	+18.20%
Nasdaq Comp.	15,940.31	+128.72	+23.68%
S&P 500	4,680.06	+19.49	+24.60%
S&P 400	2,880.07	-9.58	+24.86%
Wilshire 5000	48,671.36	+149.49	+23.35%
Russell 2000	2,402.43	-1.85	+21.65%

Commodities

	CLOSE	PREV.	YTD
FUELS			
Crude Oil (bbl)	78.81	80.86	+62.43%
Natural Gas (mm btu)	5.72	5.67	+125.13%
Unleaded Gas (gal)	2.29	2.34	+61.02%
METALS			
Gold (oz)	1,793.00	1,763.60	-5.29%
Silver (oz)	23.91	23.23	-9.21%

(Previous and change figures reflect current contract.)

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	ForEx in U.S. \$	U.S. \$ in ForEx
Britain	1.3493	.7411
Canada	.8025	1.2461
China	.1563	6.3975
Euro	1.1553	.8656
Japan	.008792	113.74
Mexico	.048619	20.5681

Money Rates

	CLOSE	PREV.	WK.
Prime rate	3.25	3.25	
3-mo. T-Bill	0.04	0.04	
6-mo. T-Bill	0.07	0.06	
5-yr T-Note	1.10	1.10	
10-yr T-Note	1.52	1.56	
30-yr T-Bond	1.96	1.96	

Global Markets

	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	%YTD
Frankfurt	16,029.65	+69.67	+4.4%	+16.84%
London	7,279.91	+31.02	+4.3%	+12.68%
Hong Kong	25,225.19	+200.44	+8.0%	-7.37%
Nikkei	29,794.37	+273.47	+9.3%	+8.56%

Stocks of Local Interest							
STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG	STOCK (TICKER)	CLOSE	CHG.	YTD %CHG
AMC Entertainment A (AMC)	40.05	-.74	+1789.2	Meten Holding Group (METX)	.50	-.05	-74.8
AT&T Inc (T)	24.80	-.38	-13.8	MetLife Inc (MET)	63.91	-1.37	+36.1
Adv Micro Dev (AMD)	137.50	+6.97	+49.9	Moderna Inc (MRNA)	284.02	-61.90	+171.9
Amphenol Corp (APH)	79.12	+7.75	...	Nikola Corp (NKLA)	15.44	+2.73	+1.2
Apple Inc (AAPL)	150.96	-.53	+13.8	Novartis AG (NVS)	83.69	+1.10	-11.4
Artelo Biosciences (ARTL)	1.17	+1.14	+60.3	Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)	298.01	+32.03	+128.3
Avangrid Inc (AGR)	51.16	-.44	+12.6	Ocugen Inc (OCGN)	10.06	-2.67	+449.7
Bank of America (BAC)	47.33	-1.04	+56.2	Opendoor Technol (OPEN)	23.94	+3.08	+5.3
Barnes Group (B)	41.64	-.17	-17.9	Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS)	81.84	+1.23	+21.2
Booking Holdings (BKNG)	2437.01	+1.68	+9.4	Penn Natl Gaming (PENN)	57.40	-15.33	-33.5
Bristl Myr Sqb (BMY)	59.25	-.11	-4.5	Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)	17.90	-.68	+38.4
CVS Health Corp (CVS)	94.49	-1.85	+38.3	Pfizer Inc (PFE)	43.85	-.58	+19.1
Carrier Global Corp (CARR)	52.97	+1.00	+40.4	Pitney Bowes (PBI)	7.33	-.34	+19.0
Pain Therapeutics (SAVA)	84.40	+27.74	+1137.5	Progenity Inc (PROG)	3.60	+4.9	-32.2
Charter Communio (CHTR)	686.07	-6.47	+3.7	Prudential Fncl (PRU)	111.80	-2.14	+43.2
Cigna Corp (CI)	213.16	-5.09	+2.4	Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)	63.68	+3.1	+9.2
Citigroup (C)	67.00	-2.00	+8.7	Qualcomm Inc (QCOM)	156.11	+17.63	+2.5
Clarus Thera Hldgs (CRXT)	5.36	+8.6	-32.1	Qurate Ret Inc A (QRTEA)	8.22	-3.10	-25.1
Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)	52.73	-.22	+6	Raytheon Technolog (RTX)	88.06	-.61	+23.1
Concert Pharmaceut (CNCE)	3.67	+7.9	-71.0	Rogers Corp (ROG)	269.36	-.44	+73.5
Disney (DIS)	170.28	+2.0	-6.0	SS&C Technologies (SSNC)	77.83	-1.7	+7.0
DraftKings Inc (DKNG)	44.68	-2.16	-4.0	Sirius XM Hldgs Inc (SIRI)	6.39	-.08	+3
EMCOR Group Inc (EME)	126.83	+3.76	+38.7	Stanley Black & Deck (SWK)	184.27	-3.14	+3.2
Energy Transfer L.P. (ET)	9.23	-.30	+49.4	Starwood Prop Trust (STWD)	25.74	+0.1	+33.4
Ethan Allen (ETD)	24.28	-.31	+20.1	Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL)	.65	-.01	+37.8
Eversource Energy (ES)	83.82	-.70	-3.1	TDH Holdings Inc (PETZ)	4.26	+1.89	+130.3
Ford Motor (F)	19.42	+7.9	+120.9	Terex Corp (TEX)	47.26	+4.8	+35.5
FuelCell Energy (FCEL)	9.28	+2.0	-16.9	Travelers Cos (TRV)	156.50	-3.75	+11.5
Gen Dynamics (GD)	198.16	-3.05	+33.2	Uber Technologies (UBER)	45.27	-.45	-11.2
Gen Electric (GE)	105.21	-.76	+22.1	United Rentals (URI)	385.97	+4.70	+66.4
Harbor Custom Devel (HCDI)	7.21	+2.8	-49.3	UnitedHealth Group (UNH)	456.76	-.57	+30.2
Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)	71.94	-2.13	+46.9	Verizon Comm (VZ)	51.85	-1.09	-11.7
Honeywell Intl (HON)	222.49	-.31	+4.6	Virtus Invest (VRTS)	326.47	-1.97	+50.4
Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)	17.52	-.02	+32.3	Voya Financial (VOYA)	67.65	-.84	+15.0
IT Tech Packaging (ITP)	.45	+0.3	-19.2	Webster Financial (WBS)	57.83	-1.37	+37.2
Infosys Ltd (INFY)	22.71	...	+34.0	Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)	50.62	-1.18	+67.7
Kaman (KAMN)	39.28	+6.6	-31.2	White Mtns Insur (WTM)	1064.54	-12.55	+6.4
Keycorp (KEY)	23.53	-.42	+43.4	World Wrestling Ent (WWE)	60.34	-.60	+25.6
Kyndryl Holdings Inc (KD)	26.38	XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)	82.09	+1.99	+18.4
Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)	71.81	-4.32	+42.7	Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)	18.85	-.59	-18.7
Lucid Group Inc (LCID)	37.12	+5.8	+38.4	XORTX Therapeutics (XRTX)	4.00	+1.3	+27.4
Lumen Technologies (LUMN)	13.72	+1.54	+40.7	Zillow Group C (Z)	67.48	+2.01	-48.0
MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)	47.40	-1.30	+50.4				
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Solving the civics crisis begins in the home

By Katharine C. Gorka
The Heritage Foundation

As the election results in Virginia and elsewhere demonstrate, many parents are upset with how American history and civics are being taught in schools. And it's hard to blame them.

Some feel we are tearing down our nation's past. Others believe we are not doing enough to tell the history of all Americans, particularly those in communities that have long been marginalized.

The good news is that discussions are taking place in school districts nationwide over what we should teach our children. The bad news is that those debates may not resolved anytime soon.

In the meantime, while those debates are working themselves out, parents can take an active role in ensuring their children receive the education they want them

to have.

Of course homeschooling is always an option, but short of that commitment to fully take on a child's education, there are three great tools for parents who care about raising well-educated children and maintaining our self-governing republic:

1) Monuments and national historic sites. Nothing brings home the beauty and force of the idea of "a nation conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal" than seeing it inscribed in giant letters inside the Lincoln Memorial. While the nation's capital has the lion's share of museums, monuments and memorials, every state in the country has its own sites, where children can experience history firsthand. For a sampling of some of the best sites in the country, see the Living Civics Map (levelupcivics.org/living-civics).

2) Family history. Every American

is a part of the American story, it's just that we don't all make it into the history books. But we can write our own histories. Helping children discover their own family history can be a great way both to make up for what the history books don't contain, as well as to bring our country's broader history alive. Paula Spencer Scott's "An Oral History" provides kid-friendly prompts for questions that children can ask of parents and grandparents. Smartphones provide an easy tool for recording conversations about family history.

3) Online resources. A growing number of websites are providing free, high-quality resources on American history: the Bill of Rights Institute, (billofrightsinstitute.org), the Ashbrook Center (ashbrook.org), 1776 Unites (1776unites.com/our-work/curriculum), which focuses on elevating the stories of African-Americans, and the James Madison Institute's Celebrate Free-

dom civics curriculum (jamesmadison.org).

The past couple of years have generated a lot of discussion around our history, sparked by protests, debates over statues, and initiatives such as the 1619 Project. Two of the key lessons from this tumultuous period is that civics is more than merely the mechanics of government, and history cannot be cut to make room for STEM.

As Mark Twain wrote, "Citizenship is what makes a republic; monarchies can get along without it. What keeps a republic on its legs is good citizenship."

If we want to keep our republic on its legs, we would do well for parents to bring civics and history into the home. The good news is that it has never been easier.

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Insecure rich hold dangerous power



Paul Krugman

Elon Musk doesn't think visionaries like him should pay taxes the way little people do. After all, why hand over his money to dull bureaucrats? They'll just squander it on pedestrian schemes like ... bailing out Tesla at a crucial point in its development. Musk has his sights set on more important things, like getting humanity to Mars to "preserve the light of consciousness."

Billionaires, you see, tend to be surrounded by people who tell them how wonderful they are and would never, ever suggest that they're making fools of themselves.

But don't you dare make fun of Musk. Billionaires' money gives them a lot of political clout — enough to block Democratic plans to pay for much-needed social spending with a tax that would have affected only a few hundred people in a nation of more than 300 million. Who knows what they might do if they think people are snickering at them?

Still, the determined and so far successful opposition of incredibly wealthy Americans to any effort to tax them like normal people raises a couple of questions.

First, is there anything to their insistence that taxing them would deprive society of their unique contributions? Second, why are people who have more money than anyone can truly enjoy so determined to keep every penny?

On the first question, there's an enduring claim on the right that taxing billionaires will discourage them from doing all the wonderful things they do. For example, Mitt Romney has suggested that taxing capital gains will cause the ultrawealthy to stop creating jobs and buy ranches and paintings instead.

But is there any reason to believe that taxation will cause the rich to go Galt and deprive us of their genius?



Tesla CEO Elon Musk is a multibillionaire. Paul Krugman notes that billionaires' money provides political clout in the U.S. **PATRICK PLEUL/DPA**

For the uninitiated, "going Galt" is a reference to Ayn Rand's "Atlas Shrugged," in which taxes and regulation induce wealth creators to withdraw to a hidden stronghold, causing economic and social collapse. Rand's magnum opus was, as it happens, published in 1957, during the long aftermath of the New Deal, when both parties accepted the need for highly progressive taxation, strong antitrust policy and a powerful union movement. The book can therefore in part be seen as a commentary on the America of Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, an era during which corporate taxes were more than twice as high as they are now and the top personal tax rate was 91%.

So, did the productive members of society go on strike and paralyze the economy? Hardly.

In fact, the postwar years were a time of unprecedented prosperity; family incomes, adjusted for inflation, doubled over the course of a generation.

And in case you're wondering, the wealthy didn't manage to dodge all of the

taxes being imposed. As a fascinating 1955 Fortune article documented, corporate executives really had come way down in the world compared with their prewar status. But somehow they continued to do their jobs.

OK, so the superrich won't go on strike if forced to pay some taxes. But why are they so concerned about taxes anyway?

It's not as if having to cough up, say, \$40 billion would have any visible impact on the ability of an Elon Musk or Jeff Bezos to enjoy life's pleasures. True, many very wealthy people seem to consider money-making a game, in which the goal is to outperform their rivals; but standings in that game wouldn't be affected by a tax all the players have to pay.

What I suspect, although I can't prove it, is that what really drives someone like Musk is an insecure ego. He wants the world to acknowledge his unequalled greatness; taxing him like a "\$400,000-a-year working Wall Street stiff" (my favorite line from the movie "Wall Street") would suggest that he isn't a unique

treasure, that maybe he indeed doesn't deserve everything he has.

I don't know how many people remember "Obama rage," the furious Wall Street backlash against President Barack Obama. While it was partly a response to real changes in tax and regulatory policy — Obama did, in fact, significantly raise taxes at the top — what really rankled financiers was their sense of having been insulted. Why, he even called some of them fat cats!

Are the very rich pettier than the rest of us?

On average, probably yes; after all, they can afford it, and the courtiers and flatterers attracted by huge fortunes surely make it harder to keep one's perspective.

The important point, however, is that the pettiness of billionaires comes along with vast power. And the result is that all of us end up paying a steep price for their insecurity.

Krugman is a columnist for The New York Times.

Election Day 2021 featured its share of silver linings



Gail Collins

Walking to the polls on Election Day, I suddenly had a vision of all my neighbors trying to break out of the doldrums by voting for Curtis Sliwa for mayor.

Sliwa was the nominee of the desperate, massively outnumbered New York City Republican Party, and while he has plenty of conservative positions on issues, he is better known as an animal lover who has 17 cats in a studio apartment he shares with his wife.

On Tuesday, Sliwa's big moment involved an attempt to bring a kitty into the polling site. It was one of several dust-ups between the candidate and the election workers that ended with his ballot jamming the scanning machine.

At about that point I suddenly wondered: *What if this guy wins?* It was not an outcome most people had ever considered, for obvious reasons. But gee, the country was in such a foul mood, the status of the Biden administration so subterranean. The image of Congress wasn't really much better than that apartment full of cats. What if, just to show their profound irritation, the voters went Sliwa?

Didn't happen. The winner, Eric Adams,

a Democrat, is a former police officer who ran a smooth campaign about his plans for reforming crime-fighting in New York. Early results suggest Sliwa will be very, very lucky to get one-third of the vote. I am sharing this because I know a lot of you need some happy political news to tell friends over the weekend.

Some Possible Post-Election Conversational Strategies for Liberal Democrats:

- Find a few next-generation stars to burble over, even if they just got elected to your town's zoning board of appeals.
- Funny stories about other cats.
- Ranting about Joe Manchin.

Perhaps you noticed that, just before Election Day, Sen. Manchin called a news conference to announce he wasn't sure he could support Joe Biden's social services program because of his concern about the "impact it'll have on our national debt."

Given Manchin's super-status as a Democratic swing vote, we certainly have to pay attention to his fiscal conservatism and obsession with the national debt. After we stop to muse — just for a minute — that his state, West Virginia, gets about \$2.15 in federal aid for every dollar its residents send to Washington.

But back to the positive side of the elections — or at least the less-depressing-than-originally-perceived side. That big governor's race in Virginia, won by the Republican, Glenn Youngkin, was maybe the worst blow of the evening for Democrats. But when you're having those dinner

table conversations — or, hey, drinking heavily at a bar — be sure to point out that the loser, Terry McAuliffe, is a former Virginia governor.

His state seems to have a real problem with chief executives who hang around, and there's a law that makes it impossible for a sitting governor to run for reelection. McAuliffe was trying for a comeback after his enforced retirement — a feat that's been achieved only once since the Civil War.

Didn't work. Will you be surprised to hear that Donald Trump is taking credit?

The other governor's race, in New Jersey, was way more dramatic than expected, with incumbent Philip Murphy fighting off a surprisingly strong challenge from Republican Jack Ciattarelli, a former assemblyman. Very possible this one could still be in recount purgatory during the holidays.

I really hope Murphy, a rather fearless leader in the war against COVID-19, is not being punished for vaccine mandates and mandatory school masking, which Ciattarelli complained about endlessly. Or that the irritable voters wanted to get back at their governor for remarking, a few years ago, that if you're a person whose only concern is tax rates, New Jersey is "probably not your state."

Ciattarelli reportedly spent about \$736,000 running that quote in a 10-day broadside of ads. But I'll bet most New Jersey voters accept the governor's view, however grudgingly. Almost all of them

must have some state concerns besides taxes — schools? Street lighting? The end of black bear hunting?

Fortunately, you won't be expected to argue that Tuesday was one of the great days in the history of American democracy. Otherwise, some detail-oriented colleague might mention that a House district near Columbus was won by the chair of the Ohio Coal Association.

Yeah, and Minneapolis failed to pass its public safety program.

It seems that Seattle will end up with a new law-and-order mayor rather than criminal justice reform.

On the other hand, there were loads of stories to remind you how our country, for all its multitudinous failures to live up to the American dream, still also manages to come through. A lot. Boston elected its first woman and first person of color as mayor. Pittsburgh and Kansas City, Kansas, each elected its first Black mayor. Cincinnati chose an Asian American mayor, and Dearborn, Michigan's next mayor is going to be an Arab American Muslim.

Cheer up, people. We made it through another election. Take the holidays off from politics if you want. Just ignore the flood of emails asking you to donate to some candidate's quest for a seat in 2022. What's the rush? You'll hear from them again next week. And the week after that. ...

Collins is a columnist for The New York Times.

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The Metropolitan District Board Room
555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut

Pursuant to Special Act 01-3, as adopted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut,
and Section 2-14 of the Compiled Charter of The Metropolitan District ("District"), the District
will hold a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget, water and sewer rates, and
revisions to the District's Ordinances. The hearing will be held at the Metropolitan District Board
Room, 555 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 5:30p.m.

A mask must be worn in all MDC facilities located in Hartford at all times regardless of vaccination
status, per the executive order of Hartford Mayor Bronin effective August 10, 2021.
Members of the public that would like to participate remotely may call into the public hearing at
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OBITUARIES

Allen, Philiseta

Philiseta Allen, 88, of Hartford, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Born in Labyrinth, St. Mary, Jamaica on August 6, 1933, daughter of the late Ralph and Doris Allen. She migrated in 1978 and settled in Hartford. She leaves to mourn her sister, Carmen (Lawrence)Garvey; children, two sons: FitzGerald (Claudette). Valentine (Candace) four daughters: Carlene, Cynthia, Ruth, and Annette; thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at All Faith Memorial Chapel at 12:00 p.m. (Calling hours at 11:00 a.m.). Interment will be at Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield.

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Davis, Bradford W.



Bradford Wells Davis, 87, of Bloomfield, passed away November 2, 2021. Funeral services will be Saturday graveside 11 AM at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Friends are invited to the Brooklawn Funeral Home, 511 Brook St. Rocky Hill, today from 3 to 6 PM. For full obituary and on-line guestbook please visit brooklawnfuneralhome.com

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Driggers, Stephen Dennis



Stephen Dennis Driggers was born in Hartford, Connecticut and passed away in Longmont, Colorado on October 30, 2021. He was a beloved member of his family and community and will be dearly missed. For more information on where to send donations, or to read a full-length obituary, please visit thenaturalfuneral.com/stephen-dennis-driggers/

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Giolas, Marilyn



On Thursday, October 21, 2021, Marilyn Giolas, loving wife and mother of 3 children, passed away at the age of 86. While battling dementia, she displayed the same exceptional strength, grace, and kindness with which she lived her entire life. Marilyn was born in West Virginia to Fred and Florence. Marilyn received a B.S from Purdue University and an M.S. from University of Pittsburgh. She worked as an Audiologist and was a strong advocate for the hearing impaired. In 1960, she married Thomas G Giolas and while starting their lives together in Alabama in the early 60's, Marilyn and Tom became active in the Civil Rights Movement. They always cared deeply about equality and inclusivity. Marilyn was active in her community and served as president of the League of Women's Voters. She was also an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and engaged in multiple charitable organizations including delivering Meals on Wheels up until she received her dementia diagnosis.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Thomas Giolas, and brother, Fred Heasley. She is survived by her sister, Florence Gregg, her children, Lynn, Marina, and Dean, as well as her grandchildren, Ben, Jacob, Thomas, and Stella. Marilyn loved her family above all else (with the possible exception of UCONN Basketball). She will be greatly missed and remain in our hearts forever.

A Memorial service will be held on December 4, 2021 at 1pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Storrs, Connecticut. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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Teitelman, Samuel

Samuel Teitelman, 99, of 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, devoted husband of the late Ruth (Jacoby) Teitelman, died on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Born in Havana, Cuba, Sam was a son of the late Abraham & Chaika (Wexler) Teitelman. Beloved father of Robert Teitelman (Reesa Olins), Rona Teitelman, and Philip Teitelman. Dear Brother of Harry Teitelman, and the late Max & Jack Teitelman. Cherished Grandfather of Abby Teitelman, Elizabeth Teitelman & Jodi Teitelman. Funeral Services at Robert E. Shure & Son Funeral Home, 543 George Street, New Haven on SUNDAY, November 7th at 11:00 o'clock with Interment Services to follow at the Beth Israel Cemetery, Fitch Street, New Haven. Masks and social distancing will be required. Memorial contributions may be sent to Tower One Foundation, 18 Tower Lane, New Haven, CT 06519, to Congregation Beth Israel (Orchard Street Shul), 232 Orchard Street, New Haven, CT 06511, or to the charity of one's choice. A meal of condolence will take place following the interment (at approx. 1:30 pm) at The Emanuel Synagogue, 160 Mohegan Drive, West Hartford, CT. A Period of Mourning will be observed at The Emanuel Synagogue, on Monday November 8 through Wednesday November 10 from 4:00 pm through 6:00 pm. Masks, social distancing and Emanuel Synagogue covid guidelines are in effect (<https://emanuelsynagogue.org>). To sign an on-line registry book or to leave a message of condolence, please visit: www.shurefuneralhome.com.

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Carson, William "Bill"



Bill was called by the Lord to join him in Heaven on November 3, 2021 at age 86. He was the son of William John, Sr. and Kathryn Grace (Walsh). Beside his parents, he was also predeceased by his son Jeffrey Thomas, brother Kyran Walsh and two sisters, Kathryn Walsh and Suzanne Sandock. Left to grieve him are his son James Andrew of West Hartford, daughter Judith Ann of Berlin, two Grandsons, Tyler Jeffrey and William James of West Hartford, and his significant other, Barbara Stavola of Wethersfield. Bill also leaves his sister-in-law Carla Carson of Bloomington, Indiana, four nephews, seven nieces and several grand nephews and nieces. He was predeceased by the mother of his children, H. Nancy Carson. Bill grew up in West Hartford and attended both public and Catholic schools. He graduated high school from Saint Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield. He attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY and graduated from Fordham University in NYC. Bill started his career with UTC Research Computation Lab, followed by RCA Computer Division, followed by United Illuminating. His last employment was with Society for Savings, retiring as First Vice President. He received several awards from these companies for his work with computer applications. Bill was an active tennis player, belonging to many Hartford area tennis clubs, including Hartford, Farmington, Rocky Hill, and Newington. He was a twenty-year member of the Hartford Tennis Club and a Director there for nine years. He enjoyed singles tennis and was once ranked by USTA in the New England section - for "not very long and not very high." In retirement, he travelled the United States in his van The Red Baron, covering all continental states except North Dakota, Utah, and Idaho. He enjoyed wandering and exploring the highways and hidden ways. Calling hours will be from 4 to 7 PM at the Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, on Sunday, November 7. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Monday, November 8, at 10:00 AM in Saint Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Avenue, West Hartford, followed by interment in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. For the full obituary listing, online expressions of sympathy and directions, please visit www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

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Cole, Martha A.

Martha Ann Cole, 83, of Granby, passed away peacefully on Monday, November 1, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, CT. Born in Brockton, MA on December 30, 1937, she was the daughter of the late Olaf and Anita Falk. Martha retired from "The Hartford" as a database analyst with twenty plus years of service. She enjoyed walking her dog Annie, gardening, and watching her New York Giants. She is survived by her partner of 20 years, Alfred "Al" Hunt of Granby; her daughter, Donna E. Cole of Granby; her granddaughter, Caitlyn Meade of Keene, NH; her sister, Eleanor Guigliano of Fort Pierce, FL, and her daughter-in-law, Susan Cole of Bolton. She was predeceased by her parents, her son Harry T. "Jay" Cole, and her sisters, Roberta Burlos and Eileen Cotter. Martha's family will receive friends on Monday, November 8, 2021, from 5-8 PM at the Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home, 364 Salmon Brook Street, Granby, CT 06035. A graveside service will take place on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 10 AM, at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Hill Street, Suffield, CT 06078. In lieu of flowers, donations in Martha's memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.



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Denalsky-Roberts, Rose Carol

Rose Carol Denalsky-Roberts of Athens, Georgia died peacefully at home at the age of 94 on October 29, 2021. She was born on July 21, 1927, in Hartford, Connecticut to the late Joseph and Felicia Denalsky, she was the eleventh child of twelve children; Rose is pre-deceased by her husband, William Roberts, and all of her siblings. Rose served her career as an executive assistant at the law firm of Shipman and Goodwin in Hartford, Connecticut.

Rose is a native of New England; she retired to, and lived, the remainder of her life in the Southeast. She was a gentle spirit and talented artist who enjoyed her flower gardens, the outdoors, her church, and large family. She leaves many nieces and nephews, as well as great-nieces and great-nephews, all who loved Rose as a mother.

-All The Denalsky-Lotane Children

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Daniels, Janet E. (Yeomans)



Janet (Yeomans) Daniels, 86, of Glastonbury, loving wife of 31 years of the late Edward L. Daniels, peacefully entered into eternal life on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford. Born in Bridgeport on June 19, 1935, a daughter of the late Reginald and Marian (Donahue) Yeomans, she was a resident of the Glastonbury/East Hartford area for several years. She was a graduate of Roger Ludlow High School in Fairfield, class of 1954. She was an Executive Secretary at Sikorsky Aircraft before having a career in nursing for 27 years at Bridgeport Hospital and as a Surgical Assistant in surgeon's offices. She retired in 1992 to care for her late husband. A devout catholic, she was a former communicant of St. Elizabeth Seton Church in Rocky Hill and St. Paul's Church in Glastonbury. Prior to moving to Glastonbury, Janet was a "Stephen Minister" for over three years in Cromwell. She was an avid reader who loved to play pool (billiards), cards, word games, bingo, and solving both crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She was also a loyal fan of the New York Yankees and New York Giants, and followed the UConn Women's Basketball team. Most of all, she was a proud wife, mother, and grandmother who cherished her time spent with her four grandchildren and entire family. Janet is survived by a daughter, Lisa M. Brunner and her husband Lane of Glastonbury; a son, James L. Daniels and his wife Lori of Port Saint Joe, FL; a sister, Nancy Brundage of South Carolina; four adored grandchildren, Stephanie Gray and her husband Ben of Port Saint Joe, FL, Christi Donofrio and her husband Tyler of Cromwell, David Brunner of Grapevine, TX, Paige Brunner and her fiancé, Nick Sanders, of East Hampton; several nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

Funeral service will be Tuesday (November 9, 2021) with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 10 am at St. Elizabeth Seton Church of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, 280 Brook Street, Rocky Hill. (Everyone is asked to please go directly to the church on Tuesday morning). A graveside service will be at 12 noon at Union Cemetery, 23 Temple Court, Stratford. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Janet's name may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. Janet's family would like to extend their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the entire staff at the Herbert T. Clark House in Glastonbury for their loving care and assistance to Janet and her entire family. The D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford has been entrusted with the care of the funeral arrangements. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoe.com.



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Eldridge, Michael



Michael Eldridge (Mike), 71, of Somers, CT, passed away very unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, with his son, David, by his side. Mike was born on January 25, 1950, in Springfield, MA, son of the late Harold and Jane (Miga) Eldridge. Mike lived 65 years of his life in Somers, CT, the town he loved. It was there

that he spent an idyllic childhood exploring the vast open spaces while forming long lasting friendships. He graduated from Somers High School in 1968, and went on to attend Brewton-Parker College, in Mt Vernon, GA. It was in 1970, that he returned home and met his future wife, Elaine. They were married in 1976, and spent the next 45 years together creating unforgettable memories. Mike was a devoted son, brother, husband, and father. He was a proud friend of "Bill Wilson's" for 33 years. Mike loved the ocean, spending time with his family, both immediate and extended, and traveling with family and close friends by his side. He worked for John Hancock Insurance for 10 years, earning multiple recognitions for his sales performance, before branching out on his own, in 1986, to start his own business as a Painting Contractor, Mike Eldridge Decorating. Mike had a vibrant sense of humor, and brought an over abundance of joy to all those around him. He was a no nonsense type of guy, with a very kind heart. Mike always said "there are two types of people in this world, there are givers and takers. Mike was without a doubt a giver. He was a former member of the Somers Rotary and the proud recipient of a Paul Harris Award, as well as The Maurice Parker Random Acts of Kindness Award for his unselfish commitment to helping others less fortunate than himself. Mike was predeceased by his parents, Harold and Jane Eldridge and his sister, Patricia Barufaldi. He leaves behind his beloved wife, Elaine, as well as his daughter, Andrea Eldridge (Tyler Roberts), and son, David Eldridge, whom he loved dearly. In addition, he leaves his brother, Daniel Eldridge (Katrina Levitre), and sister, Kathy Suggett (William), and his large extended family that he cherished. Calling hours will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 4pm - 7pm at Somers Funeral Home, 354 Main Street, Somers, CT. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. It was Mike's strong desire that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in his name, to the American Diabetes Association or The Parkinson's Foundation. To leave online condolences please visit www.somersfuneral-home.com

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McIlvin, Marian



Marian Klatt Markovich McIlvin, of Cheshire, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, just hours before her 103rd birthday, which she had celebrated on Saturday surrounded by family. Born in Plainville to Viola Ruth (Wahlig) and Charles Klatt, she was predeceased by husbands William Markovich and Robert McIlvin; siblings Charles Klatt, Jr., Elizabeth Klatt, and Ruth Patt Olson; and sons Nicholas and Peter Markovich. She is survived by daughters Marilyn Markovich Shesko and Elizabeth Markovich DiMaio (Alfred); grandchildren Nina DiMaio Leon (Sergio), Benjamin DiMaio (Tara), and Elizabeth Shesko (Adam Wallace); great-grandchildren Ewing, Dominic, Jayden, Rebecca, and Grant; and many nieces and nephews. Marian taught for over 35 years in the Farmington district and served as president of its Teacher's Association. She traveled the world and shared her adventures with others through professional slide shows. Calling hours at Scott Funeral Home in Terryville will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, November 8, with a funeral service at 10:30 a.m. if you plan to attend, please wear a mask. Burial will follow at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Orthodox Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Marian's memory to Connecticut Audubon Society or Central Connecticut State University Class of 1940 Scholarship Fund. www.scottfuneralhomeinc.com

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Osterman, Mary



Mary Osterman, 88, of Rockville, CT, died November 2, 2021. Mary, beloved sister of Joy Armstrong, was born in Hartford, CT, to the late Nicholas Samsone and Viola Littleton on April 14, 1933. A service will be held graveside at 11:30 am on Monday November 8, 2021 at the Simsbury Cemetery, 16 Plank Hill Road, Simsbury, CT. The family will receive friends prior from 10am-11am, at the Carmon Community Funeral Home, 807 Bloomfield Ave., Windsor. For complete obituary and online condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Dugdale, Laura Alexander



Laura Dugdale, 89, of Windsor, wife of Allen Dugdale, passed away Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family. Born in Hartford, daughter of the late Joseph and Dorothy Alexander, she had lived in Windsor over 65 years. Laura had been employed by the Travelers Insurance Co in Hartford then for many years she was the friendly face at Barts whether cooking at the grill or as cashier in the store and finally before she retired, she did administrative work for her friends the Marci's at Windsor Optical. For many years she did the bookwork for her husband's plumbing business, Dugdale Plumbing & Heating. Laura was active in Windsor and was a member of the Civitan and Italian American Club. She delivered Meals on Wheels for many years and collected food donations for the Windsor Food Bank. She also volunteered at the Windsor Senior Center and served as lead moderator for local elections. Laura loved to travel and took trips with friends to Nashville, Hawaii, Branson, Vermont, Florida, and Germany. She loved her backyard picnics with family, foster children, and good friends. Besides her husband Allen, she leaves her son George A. Dugdale and his wife Susan; two grandsons Christopher A. and Kevin G. Dugdale All of Windsor; her brother James Alexander of Enfield; and a niece Mary Jane Halsted and her husband Raymond of FL. She was predeceased by a daughter Dorothy, her sisters Jane Raupach, Nancy Labagh, and Cynthia Jesensky, and her brother Julian Stevens. There are no calling hours. A private graveside service will be held in Palisado Cemetery, Windsor. A Memorial Service will be announced in the Spring. Memorial donations may be made to either the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the Windsor Food Bank in Laura's memory. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com



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Holmes, Harry



Harry "Dean" Holmes, 96, of Suffield, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Born in Susquehanna, PA, on July 6, 1925, he was the son of the late Edward C. and Edith (Stone) Holmes. Dean grew up on the family farm until he entered the US Army Air Force in 1943. He served for 18 months, however, eight months were spent in a military hospital due to an injury aboard a ship. Following the service, Dean moved to Bennington, VT, where he met his first wife, Marie Maloney. They began their family of six children and in 1952 they moved to Windsor Locks, CT. He began work at Stanadyne as a foreman until his retirement in 1987. He retired to Florida where he met his second wife, Joan Carnes. In 2015, he moved back to CT to be close to family and resided at Suffield by the River, an assisted living facility. Dean will be remembered as an incredible, loving father, friend, and a hard worker. Easy going, friendly, always lending a helping hand to family, friends, neighbors and the community. He enjoyed life to its fullest, whether it was golfing, singing, or dancing. He was predeceased by his wife, Marie (1994) and Joan (2019); his son, Brian Holmes; daughter, Marie (Mimi) Edmonds; and his grandson, Jeffrey McDaniel. He leaves four children, Bobbi Johnson and her husband, Phil, of West Suffield; Margie McDaniel of Canandaigua, NY; Ted Holmes and his wife, Paula, of North Granby; Lenny Holmes and his wife, Andrea, of West Suffield; and a daughter-in-law, Donna Holmes of Windsor. He also leaves 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. The family extends a special thanks to the staff at Suffield by the River with special recognition to Camile and Kristi; Masonic Hospice Care; and Trusted Angels Homecare, for their care and compassion. There are no plans for services. Burial in PA will be private. In lieu of flowers the family asks that you remember Dean as a loving, caring man who lived life to its fullest. Any donations can be made to a charity of choice in his name. For online condolences, please visit www.windsorlocksfuneralhome.com

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On behalf of the McIntosh Family, we personally like to send a special note of gratitude for everyone that has been a blessing to us during our loss. We sincerely thank you!!



Flanagan, Helen (Ruzzi)



Helen (Ruzzi) Flanagan, 96, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 30, 2021. Born in Hartford on January 30, 1925, the daughter of the late Melchise Ruzzi and Assunta (Fiori) Ruzzi, Helen graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1943 and worked for the State of CT as a purchasing agent until her retirement. She enjoyed dancing, traveling and time with her family.

Helen was predeceased by husband Robert Flanagan and her siblings, Fanny Caramma, Phyllis Clayton, Domenic Ruzzi, Nicholas Ruzzi and Gene Ruzzi.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Cunningham and granddaughters Darcey Cunningham and Jennifer Cunningham and also leaves several nieces and nephews. A special thank you to Jennifer Kwayne who kindly and compassionately cared for Helen in her last two years.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be TODAY, (Nov.5), 11:30 am at the Church Of The Holy Spirit (Annunciation Parish), 183 Church St, Newington. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, 200 Whitman Lane, West Hartford. Donations can be made to Foodshare, 450 Woodland Ave., Bloomfield, CT 06002. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Rivet, Gerald Oliver



Gerald Oliver "Jerry" Rivet, 66, died at home on October 31, 2021 with his devoted wife at his side. For 17 years, Jerry and Bridget had lived with Primary Lateral Sclerosis (PLS) which transitioned to ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis); he died on his favorite holiday. His absence is palpable.

To view a complete obituary with service times or offer a message of condolence, kindly go to www.healdfuneralhome.com.



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Socha, Marguerite



Marguerite J. "Peg" (Marcero) Socha, 88, of Somers, CT, beloved wife of the late Capt. Albert R. "Bob" Socha, unexpectedly entered into Eternal Rest on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital. She was born in Marine City, MI on March 2, 1933, the daughter of the late Clarence and Anna (Christian) Marcero. Peg was an avid reader and

bridge player who also enjoyed gardening, birdwatching, and watching game shows. She was also a member of the Somers Women's Club. Peg is survived by her five children, Linda A. Socha and Joey of Leesburg, FL, Nancy C. Scudieri of Clermont, FL, Rebecca J. Hilbig and her husband, Rolf, of Holland, MA, Eileen C. Seagrave and her husband, John, of Laconia, NH, and Robert C. Socha and his wife, Diane, of Somers, CT; eight grandchildren, Erin Vega and her husband, Pete, John Seagrave, Jr. and his wife, Marissa, Amanda Cross and her husband, Donald, Samantha Armstrong and her husband, Christopher, Chelsea Lewis and her husband, Kyle, Heather Socha, Christopher Socha and Lindsey Socha; her six great-grandchildren, Carter Cross, Charlie Cross, Jack Seagrave, Payton Vega, Elias Vega, and Logan Vega; her sisters-in-law, Marilyn Kowalchuk and her husband, Steve, and Nancy Marcero; and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her late husband Bob, she was predeceased by her brother, Clarence A. Marcero, Jr., and her sister, Linda L. Marcero; and her sons-in-law, Dennis Scudieri and Thomas Baker. Peg's family will receive relatives and friends from 4 to 6 pm on Monday, November 8, 2021 at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, 61 South Rd, Enfield, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Peg at 10 am on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at All Saints Church, 25 School St, Somersville, CT. Please meet directly at the church. Burial will follow in Somers Center Cemetery. Battle Street, Somers, CT. Donations in Peg's memory may be made to Connecticut Humane Society, 71 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. For online condolences, please visit www.leetestelevens.com.

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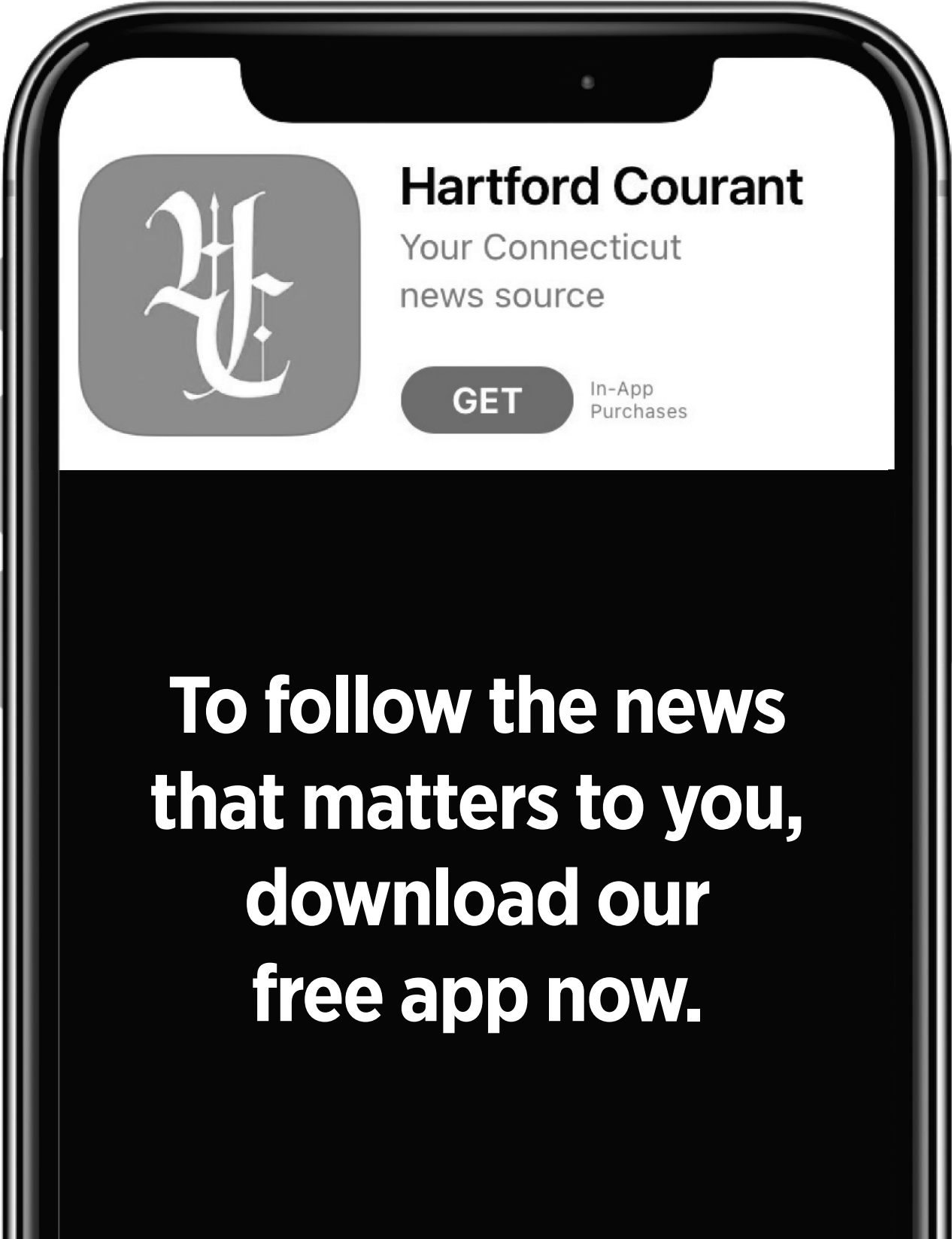
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GOP wants more children back in classrooms

Connecticut Republicans say Lamont’s ‘screen and stay’ plan should have come sooner during pandemic

By Christopher Keating
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — For months, Connecticut Republicans have been pushing state officials for a comprehensive plan to keep children in school more often rather than being pulled out of class to be quarantined. On Thursday, they partially got their wish when Gov. Ned Lamont proposed a voluntary “screen and stay” program that would allow children to remain in the classroom if

they were wearing masks and did not develop symptoms of COVID-19. Republicans criticized the plans, saying they should have started two months ago when the school year began and should have been a mandate instead of a voluntary program in the schools. At the same time, they took credit for pushing the idea in the first place. “The announcement today is positive, but late,” said Rep. Greg Howard, a Stonington Republican.

Lamont’s new optional policy would apply to teachers and students who come in close contact with an unvaccinated child who tested positive for COVID-19 and was sent home. They would be able to remain in school if they had been wearing masks and did not develop symptoms. House Republican leader Vincent Candelora described Lamont’s plan as “an incremental step for getting our children back to normal” in the classroom.

“The fact that it’s being done on a volunteer, case-by-case basis is not a victory for the state of Connecticut,” Candelora said. “I would have hoped it would have been a mandate.” Democrats said it was ironic that Republicans were calling for more mandates as Lamont was easing restrictions in the schools. They noted that Republicans cite a Massachusetts program, but that is “test and stay” instead



Gov. Ned Lamont unveiled a “screen and stay” program to keep children in school. Here, Rockville High School choir teacher Samantha Talmadge, accompanied by her children, decorates her car with a heart drawn on sticky notes last year. COURANT FILE PHOTO

Turn to Classrooms, Page 2



A developer is planning a 122-room hotel near the CTfastrak Cedar Street in Newington. The building would be near the former National Welding site, which is planned for 238 apartments. MARK MIRKO PHOTOS/HARTFORD COURANT

NEWINGTON

Projects taking shape

Fenn Road development to include hotel, retail, apartments

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

A developer is proposing a 122-room extended-stay hotel in Newington as part of three redevelopment projects around the former National Welding site near the CTfastrak station. The four-story WoodSpring Suites hotel would be built on land between Cedar Street and Myra Cohen Way, the short connector street that leads to CTfastrak. Just to the west, another developer has broken ground for a new retail strip center facing Fenn Road. And directly to the east, Dallas-based Anthony Properties just proposed a 238-unit apartment complex. All three properties have been idle for decades, and were a key redevelopment target when Gov. Dannel Malloy’s administration built CTfastrak six years ago. The tracts are all close to Route 9 and the Central Connecticut State University campus. But the biggest of the three properties held the rusting hulk of National Welding’s metal-fabricating plant, vacant since 1994, while the two others were vacant fields. The state paid to demolish the sprawling factory, and this year redevelopment plans for all three tracts are underway. Miami-based Gold Coast Properties wants to build a 48,000-square-foot hotel. The company has more than a dozen extended-stay hotel projects in the works in six states, with many of them under the WoodSpring Suites brand. About 300



Construction is underway on the Newington lot adjacent to the CTfastrak station where Fenn Road and Cedar Street meet.

WoodSpring Suites hotels operate around the country. In a memo to the planning and zoning commission earlier this year, Assistant Town Planner Erik Hinckley noted that a previous developer got a permit to build a hotel and restaurant there in 2008. That project was never built. WoodSpring Suites is a moderate-priced extended-stay

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Roxbury school tops publication’s state list

Top 10 elementary schools in Connecticut ranked by U.S. News & World Report

By Kaitlin McCallum
Hartford Courant

U.S. News & World Report, which issues rankings of the country’s high schools, colleges and graduate schools, has this year released rankings for elementary schools by state. The top-ranked school in Connecticut, Booth Free School in Roxbury, has just 71 students, a 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio and a 91.5% white student population. About 92% of teachers have three years experience or more. In Connecticut’s top 10, nearly all the schools are located in Fairfield County, with one each in Hartford County and Litchfield County. At 11 and beyond, the geography diversifies. A full list of schools can be found at usnews.com. The magazine weighed schools’ performance on state math and language arts tests, along with math and reading proficiency scores compared to predicted numbers to calculate the rankings. The top 10 schools in Connecticut and their attributes, according to U.S. News & World Report:

- 1. BOOTH FREE SCHOOL, ROXBURY**
District: Regional School District 12
Grades: K-5
Enrollment: 71
Minority Enrollment: 8%
Student to teacher ratio: 6:1
Score: 100/100
- 2. SOUTH SCHOOL, NEW CANAAN**
District: New Canaan Public Schools
Grades: K-4
Enrollment: 538
Minority Enrollment: 21%
Student to teacher ratio: 13:1
Score: 99.82/100

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HARTFORD

Ex-teacher faces insurance fraud charges

School board suit alleges \$200,000 in false claims

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The Hartford school board is suing a former teacher, claiming she committed health insurance fraud by concealing her divorce for 15 years while her ex-husband racked up more than \$200,000 in ineligible medical claims. Previously, school and city audits into health insurance fraud determined Patricia Wakefield and her ex-husband Kramer Wakefield cost the district an even higher sum, about \$680,000 in ineligible claims between 2002, when they got divorced, and 2017. However, the Hartford Board of Education is only able to seek a portion of that from its new lawsuit — filed Oct. 11 — because of civil statutes of limitations, Chief Internal Auditor Craig Trujillo said Thursday. In her initial response to the lawsuit, Patricia Wakefield — who resigned from the school district in July 2019 — denies that she knew or should have known that she was required to tell human resources when she got divorced. She also denies that

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EAST HADDAM

Boy, 16, dies after one-car crash

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A teenager is dead after the pickup he was driving went off the road in East Haddam Wednesday and struck a tree, state police said. The crash happened about 7:50 p.m. on Mott Road, when Connor Young, 16, was driving a 2004 Ford F250 Super Duty pickup with no passengers. He was headed west near East Haddam Turnpike, state police said. The truck veered to the left, crossed into the lane for oncoming traffic and went off the road, hitting a tree, police said. The pickup ended up in the road, facing south. Young was taken to Hartford Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, according to police. Troopers said they don’t know why he

went off the road. State police continue to investigate the crash. Anyone who saw it or has information about it is asked to call Trooper Le-Tisha Sealy at the Troop K barracks in Colchester at 860-465-5400. The teen attended Nathan Hale-Ray High School, where grief counselors are available to support both students and staff members. “East Haddam Public Schools lost a member of our student community last night,” said Brian Reas, superintendent of schools, in a note to parents Thursday. “We are profoundly sad to lose this wonderful young man. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.” When he was a student at Hale-Ray Middle School, Young was active in the Wingman Program, which promoted inclusion in memory of Dylan Hockley, one of

20 students who died in the Sandy Hook shooting, according to a town publication from the fall of 2018. This is the second time in two weeks troopers from the Colchester barracks responded to a deadly crash involving a young driver. On the afternoon of Oct. 22, a 2010 Nissan Altima driven by Jacob Chapman, 18, of Colchester, went off Route 354 in Colchester after passing another car “at a high rate of speed,” state police said. The car went off the road, hit a guardrail and trees and went down an embankment. Chapman and his front passenger, Tyler Graham, also 18 and from Colchester, died. Backseat passenger Trey M. Massaro, 19, of Dalton, Massachusetts, was seriously injured but survived. Christine Dempsey may be reached at cdempsey@courant.com.

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Sonia Plumb’s new dance ‘Penelope’s Dream’ empowers a mythic Greek queen

By Christopher Arnott
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For Sonia Plumb’s new dance project, “Penelope’s Dream,” the dancer/choreographer plays the titular role, the ancient Greek queen of Ithaca, who waited decades for her husband Odysseus to return from his travels.

In Homer’s “The Odyssey,” we see Penelope mainly in relation to Odysseus, as she cleverly fends off dozens of suitors while waiting for her globetrotting husband to return. But Plumb makes Penelope the star of her own story.

The performance opens with a 9-minute video showing Odysseus, but he doesn’t appear in the live dance. There’s no spoken text or other strong narrative elements.

Plumb, who’s been a central figure in the Connecticut dance scene for decades, conceived the project in 2019, then began arranging residencies so she could work on it, first in Nova Scotia, then in Crete, where the introductory video was filmed.

When she first thought of doing a piece based on Greek myths, Plumb wanted to give women a voice.

“I talked to one of the few female



Sonia Plumb filmed an introductory section of her new myth-based dance piece “Penelope’s Dream” on the Greek island of Crete. **SONIA PLUMB DANCE COMPANY**

translators of “The Odyssey,” and I worked with professors from Trinity and UMass. I researched Penelope’s side of the story and contemporized it.”

Modern and traditional aesthetics are mingled on purpose. “The costumes are Persian-influenced,” Plumb said, while “my throne is an office chair. The office chair has wood and rope on it, so it looks like the sea.”

She’s also drastically trimmed the

number of characters in the legend for the hour-long production, which features seven dancers. “In ‘The Odyssey,’ she has 108 suitors. I have created one.”

Plumb had a different dance, a full-scale revision of a full-length work based on concepts and inventions of Leonardo da Vinci, ready to go in the spring of 2020, but it was postponed when COVID hit. She did some outdoor performances but didn’t continue in that way because she “wanted to focus on other stuff.” She hopes to have a show of recent pieces at The Bushnell in March or April.

Then she wants to return to Greece, and do a follow-up to “Penelope’s Dream,” perhaps as soon as in the fall of 2022.

“I will do a second one,” she says, “about Odysseus’ return. I want ‘Penelope’s Dream’ to have a cliffhanger. Sometimes a dance can go on for too long.”

“Penelope’s Dream” has two performances, Friday at 8 p.m. and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at The Theater of the Performing Arts, Main Stage 359 Washington St, Hartford. \$20-\$45. soniaplumbdance.org.

Police: Boy charged after shooting out of stolen car

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A 15-year-old was charged with attempted murder after he shot and seriously injured a man waiting for his 9-year-old cousin to get off a school bus Wednesday in Bridgeport, police said.

The teen was behind the wheel of the getaway car — which had been stolen — at the time of his arrest, they said.

He was taken to the juvenile detention center in Bridgeport after being charged with criminal attempt to commit murder, first-degree assault and other felonies, police said.

The wounded man, who is 19, suffered life-threatening injuries and is in critical condition at St. Vincent’s Medical Center, they said.

According to police, they received multiple calls shortly after 4 p.m. about a man who had been shot at Trumbull and Reservoir avenues. The victim was taken to the hospital.

Police got the license plate number of the suspect’s car, relayed it to the regional Auto Theft Task Force, and officers found the car. They tried to stop it, but the driver did not pull over, police said, and the chase was on.

Police said the car eventually stopped on State Street, and the 15-year-old driver was immediately taken into custody. The 19-year-old passenger, Carlos Matos of Bridgeport, ran away but was later found hiding in a nearby backyard.

Through interviews, investigators learned that the wounded man had been waiting at the corner of Trumbull Avenue to get his cousin off the school bus when he was shot, police said.

In addition to patrol officers, detectives and members of the auto theft task force, the state’s attorney’s office, the department’s ID Unit and its information, or Fusion Center, helped make the arrest.

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New Haven officer arrested on family violence, computer crimes charges

By Kaitlin McCallum
Hartford Courant

A New Haven police officer turned herself in Nov. 2 on two separate arrest warrants in related incidents, the department said in a release Tuesday.

Monique Moore, who has been with the department since November 2014 and is assigned to the patrol division, was charged with second-degree harassment and third-degree criminal mischief in what the department called family violence offenses. She was also charged with two counts of third-degree computer crimes, a class D felony.

Moore was placed on administrative leave Oct. 6 by the city’s interim police, Chief Renee Dominguez, according to the release. She turned herself in and was released on a promise to appear.

Both warrants are sealed, police said. An administrative investigation is being conducted by the department’s internal affairs division.

Woman charged with attempted murder in alleged hatchet attack

By Christine Dempsey
Hartford Courant

A Glastonbury woman was injured Wednesday night when her wife repeatedly hit her in the head with a hatchet, police said.

The victim survived and is expected to recover, Capt. Mark Catania said Thursday.

Lori Lee, 58, of Newell Lane was charged with criminal attempt to commit murder, first-degree assault and disorderly conduct, he said. She was in custody early Thursday on \$500,000 bail and was scheduled to appear in Superior Court in Manchester later in the day.

Police were called to the home about 9:45 p.m., Catania said. Officers found a bloody scene with signs of a struggle, he said. Despite her injuries, the victim was able to talk, and police learned that the two had a disagreement that had escalated.

Lee “ended up striking her wife repeatedly in the back of the head with an ax,” Catania said, adding, “I’m talking about the bladed part.”

“She definitely has someone watching over her, because she ended up with non-life-threatening injuries,” he said.

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of “screen and stay.”

Lamont’s public health commissioner, Dr. Manisha Juthani, said at a news conference that the testing program that other states are using is “extremely costly” due to the expenses of laboratory tests.

“The number one way to not get quarantined is if you’re vaccinated,” Juthani told reporters.

The state education commissioner said Lamont’s program is “a game-changer” as a way to “keep our children and our educators in the classroom.”

Republicans have also voted repeatedly to end Lamont’s emergency powers that allowed him to impose a wide range of restrictions related to COVID-19. Republicans voted unanimously against recent extensions, which now last until Feb. 15 — after the next regular legislative session starts.

Senate President Pro Tem Martin Looney of New Haven has said that the legislature could vote to extend Lamont’s powers, if necessary, on the opening day of the session on Feb. 9.

House Republicans said Thursday that the state’s policies since school started two months ago have not been working. State Rep.

Christie Carpino said close to 500 students have been forced into quarantine in her hometown of Cromwell and more than 300 in Portland so far in the current school year. Those districts have fewer than 2,000 students each.

“The percentage of those kids who tested positive was small,” Carpino said at a news conference at the state Capitol in Hartford. “Each of those kids lost, on average, over five days in class. Talk to a parent. Talk to her kid who has been forced to miss their friends, their teachers and are scared to go back to school because they know that they are a bit behind.”

Carpino said she expects

that both Cromwell and Portland will participate in Lamont’s voluntary program.

Regarding what Lamont should do next, Candelora said, “Removing masks on children 3 through 12. That’s what Europe does. That’s what the World Health Organization recommends because we are seeing developmental and speech delays and socialization delays in those young children because of masks. The data has suggested that you should not be masking children under the age of 12.”

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An architect’s rendering of a proposed retail plaza along Fenn Road in Newington. A developer is planning a four-story hotel directly behind it. **TOWN OF NEWINGTON**

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chain franchised by Choice International Hotels in 40 states.

It was known as Value Place until 2015.

There are no WoodSpring

Suites locations in Connecticut; the closest are in Boston, Providence and Saugus, Massachusetts.

Between the hotel site and busy Fenn Road, a developer just broke ground on a one-floor strip plaza for up to four retailers.

The nearly 9,000-square-

foot building would front Fenn Road. Hayes-Kaufman Partnership describes it as an extension of the nearby Fenn Road Plaza with Newington’s Stop & Shop, even though the two buildings won’t physically connect.

On the opposite side of

the hotel property, Anthony Properties is looking to build a four-story building with studio apartments along with one-, two- and three-bedroom units.

If approved, the project would be the biggest transit-oriented development along CTfastrak.

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3. STAMFORD CHARTER SCHOOL FOR EXCELLENCE

District: Stamford Excellence: free, public charter

Grades: PreK-5

Enrollment: 395

Minority Enrollment: 98%

Student to teacher ratio: 14:1

Score: 99.64/100

4. RIVERSIDE SCHOOL, GREENWICH

District: Greenwich School District

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 457

Minority Enrollment: 23%

Student to teacher ratio: 14:1

Score: 99.46/100

5. SHERMAN SCHOOL, FAIRFIELD

District: Fairfield School District

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 423

Minority Enrollment: 13%

Student to teacher ratio: 13:1

Score: 99.28/100

6. MONROE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

District: Monroe School District

Grades: PreK-5

Enrollment: 362

Minority Enrollment: 20%

Student to teacher ratio: 12:1

Score: 99.11/100

7. RIDGEBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RIDGEFIELD

District: Ridgefield School District

Grades: PreK-5

Enrollment: 351

Minority Enrollment: 21%

Student to teacher ratio: 16:1

Score: 98.93/100

8. GREEN’S FARMS SCHOOL, WESTPORT

District: Westport School District

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 370

Minority Enrollment: 24%

Student to teacher ratio: 11:1

Score: 98.75/100

9. DANIELS FARM SCHOOL, TRUMBULL

District: Trumbull School District

Grades: K-5

Enrollment: 513

Minority Enrollment: 28%

Student to teacher ratio: 15:1

Score: 98.57/100

10. WEST DISTRICT SCHOOL, UNIONVILLE

District: Farmington Public Schools

Grades: K-4

Enrollment: 323

Minority Enrollment: 38%

Student to teacher ratio: 12:1

Score: 98.39/100

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she breached her employment agreement with the Hartford Board of Education, the school district handbook or the district’s collective bargaining agreement with the Hartford Federation of Teachers.

“Nothing is clear at this particular moment,” Wakefield’s attorney, Anand Ahuja, said Thursday. “If there was any instructions given to my client when she joined this particular

employer (in 1984) — and what kind of instructions were given, whether those instruction were violated by my client — all of this right now is unclear.”

Wakefield, of East Hartford, was one of dozens of school and city employees identified by a series of audits in 2017 and 2018 as having an ex-spouse or other ineligible dependent on their health care plan. While Wakefield divorced her husband in 2002, she did not take him off her plan until 2017, just before Schools Superintendent

Leslie Torres-Rodriguez started work and initiated an audit into the eligibility of dependents on employees’ health care plans.

That review and a subsequent investigation by city auditors revealed that a number of people had taken advantage of their health insurance.

Wakefield and more than two dozen other employees had ex-spouses on their plans. Seventeen of those ex-spouses received about \$63,000 in claims following their divorces. Twenty-one cases were referred

to Hartford police because employees failed to submit eligibility documentation to city auditors.

Most of the individuals owed small amounts — a few hundred to a few thousand dollars — and have paid the money back or agreed to payment plans. A few of the debts were cleared, and numerous other dependents were dropped voluntarily from health insurance by employees.

Initially, the city hoped to press charges against Wakefield and two other people who were found

by the audits to owe more than \$10,000 in fraudulent claims. A police officer, who retired in June, agreed to repay about \$20,000 in claims, a city auditor said in 2019. It’s unclear whether the third employee, a firefighter, owes money for more than \$200,000 in claims made by his ex-wife.

The school board also fired Joanna Laiscell, the district’s former executive director of financial management, claiming her ex-husband remained on her plan for more than three years and made nearly

\$6,700 in ineligible claims. Laiscell disputes the school board’s characterization of the health insurance situation and her separation from the district.

No employee cost the district more than Patricia Wakefield, according to the Internal Audit Commission, the independent body that reviews city audits. Her husband, Kramer Wakefield, has not responded to the new lawsuit.

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CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Weekly positivity rate up slightly, to 1.85%

By Eliza Fawcett
Hartford Courant

Connecticut’s weekly positivity rate rose slightly and its number of hospitalizations declined somewhat Thursday, as the state’s COVID-19 metrics continued an uneven recent trend.

Since early September, the state’s number of hospitalizations have largely been on the decline, and hit a two-and-a-half month low last week. But hospitalizations have started to increase slightly again recently. Connecticut’s weekly positivity rate has also begun to rise slightly, after many weeks of declines.

Connecticut on Thursday reported 431

new COVID-19 cases out of 19,131 tests administered, for a daily positivity rate of 2.25%, an increase from Wednesday’s rate of 1.8%. The state’s weekly positivity rate now stands at 1.85%, the highest it has been in about two weeks.

As of Thursday, Windham and New London counties continued to record “high” levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hartford, New Haven, Middlesex, Litchfield and Tolland Counties had “substantial” levels of transmission, while Fairfield had only “moderate” transmission, meaning that residents there are not advised to wear masks indoors.

According to state data released Thursday, 31 Connecticut towns and cities currently qualify for the state’s “red alert” designation, triggered when a municipality averages at least 15 daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents.

Connecticut reported 209 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 on Thursday, a decrease of six individuals since Wednesday but about 20 individuals higher than what the state recorded for much of last week.

Of those 209 hospitalized patients, 147 (70.3%) are not fully vaccinated, according to state data.

Connecticut last reported 25 additional COVID-19 deaths over the past week, bringing its total during the pandemic to 8,776.

The United States has now recorded 751,046 deaths related to COVID-19, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center.

As of Thursday, 79.5% of all Connecticut residents and 91.3% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 70.9% of all residents and 81.4% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. Additionally, 11.1% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents have received a booster dose.

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FBI seeks suspect in series of robberies

\$25,000 reward offered for information leading to arrest

By Seamus McAvoy
Hartford Courant

The FBI is searching for a man for his alleged involvement in a string of gunpoint commercial robberies throughout Connecticut dating to Sept. 2.

Christian Velez, 23, faces multiple state arrest warrants in addition to a federal arrest warrant. The complaint, which was unsealed Wednesday, charges Velez with robbery and brandishing a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence, prosecutors said.

The complaint affidavit remains sealed. Velez is wanted by the FBI’s New Haven Field Office, Connecticut State Police and multiple state agencies, prosecutors said.

The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to Velez’s arrest and conviction. Velez should be considered armed and dangerous, and an escape risk, the FBI said.

Velez’s current residence is unknown, but he has been a Connecticut resident in the past, according to a Department of Justice spokesperson.

Prosecutors encouraged people with relevant information to contact the FBI’s New Haven Field Office at (203) 503-5580, or by submitting a tip online at tips.fbi.gov.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert S. Ruff.

‘Rent’ returns to Bushnell — for the last time?

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

“Rent” has probably made more tour stops in Connecticut over the years than any other Broadway show of the past few decades. It returns for five performances at The Bushnell this weekend, but the current tour is scheduled to end in April, making the Nov. 5-7 dates its last scheduled Connecticut stop.

It has been extended before, however. In a 2018 interview with the Courant, the tour’s producer, Stephen Gabriel of Work Light Productions, said it was likely to end in 2020. It had begun in 2016 as a 20th anniversary tour, then lasted long enough to be renamed the 25th anniversary tour. Post-COVID-19, it was again retitled, and is now the “Final Season of Love 25th Anniversary Farewell Tour.”

This tour, with a largely different cast but otherwise the same production, was last at The Bushnell in March 2019, and played New Haven’s Shubert in November of that same year.

The non-Equity tour stars Cody Jenkins as young filmmaker Mark, Coleman Cummings as depressed guitarist Roger, Rayla Garske as the practical, hardworking Joanne, Lyndie Moe as Joanne’s self-absorbed performance artist girlfriend Maureen, Shafiq Hicks as brainy Tom Collins, Javon King as the trans woman he falls for, Angel, and Aiyana Smash as the grating Mimi, whose “Out Tonight” dance on the set’s scaffolding and stairway is an inevitable showstopper.

King and Moe were both with “Rent” when it last played The Bushnell in 2019. A Courant review of that show said “Lyndie Moe (clad at one point in a hilariously horrific pair of black vinyl pants) adds a special sensuality to the oft-simplified character of Maureen, a perky performance artist who’s a little too aware of how easily she can exploit her loved ones,” while King played Angel “with a sense of impatient mischievousness.”

The current “Rent” tour wisely keeps the musical in its original early ’90s setting, and doesn’t try to update it. Revivals which have tried to contemporize the setting or downplay the AIDS content have generally not been well received.

“Rent” is at The Bushnell Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. \$32-\$122. bushnell.org.



Arunan Arulampalam, director of the Hartford Land Bank, stands in front of 78 Martin St. in Hartford to announce a training program for city residents interested in developing vacant and blighted properties. Calvin Richardson of the Hartford Community Loan Fund, Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and City Council member Thomas “TJ” Clarke II are shown behind Arulampalam. **REBECCA LURYE/HARTFORD COURANT**

Hartford Land Bank to help with home fix-ups, low-interest loans

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A new training program will teach 15 to 20 Hartford residents how to develop vacant and blighted homes and help them finance such projects, which often carry high costs but bring a wealth of benefits to the community.

The Hartford Developers Cohort, which aims to enroll primarily people of color, is being run by the Hartford Land bank, a relatively new nonprofit organization that aims to acquire and restore empty properties that have fallen into disrepair.

The city of Hartford owns dozens of vacant, blighted properties — both residential and commercial — and transferred its first batch of single- and multifamily homes to the land bank, which is fixing up some of the properties and choosing local developers to restore others.

The entity launched in 2020 after four years of development. The first of its kind in Connecticut, it’s seeded with \$5 million in state funding to address the scourge of blighted, abandoned homes and commercial buildings throughout the city.

But in order to take over more city properties, the land bank needs to find more local construction and project managers to work on them.

Arunan Arulampalam, a former deputy commissioner with the state who has directed the land bank since July, said he hopes the new training program will encourage residents with different expertise to team up on future land bank projects.

The nonprofit Hartford Community Loan Fund has also pledged to provide \$1 million in low-interest loans to the trainees to purchase homes from the land bank.

That addresses the biggest challenge residents say they face when they try to plan real estate development projects — financing.

“You have to have money to move on,” says Delores Dunn, a Hartford contractor who owns her own business, Deloreses Masonry Services. “There’s money out there, but it’s hard to access.”

Jennifer Orr, who does a variety of real estate work with her family, also said she needs funding to get projects going.

“It’s always a challenge,” she said. “Always a challenge.”

Dunn and Orr, who both live in the North End, attended the land bank and Hartford Community Loan Fund’s press conference Tuesday announcing the new training program. The event took place in their neighborhood, in front of 78 Martin St., one of the seven vacant properties the city transferred to the land bank in January.

The white, wood-frame colonial, boarded up for the past five years, has been an eyesore and potential health hazard on its block. But the land bank sees opportunity in the process of returning it and other properties to good condition: the efforts generate work for residents and local companies, decent homes to rent or buy, tax revenue for the city, and new points of pride in working-class and impoverished neighborhoods.

“We believe the residents the city of Hartford can rebuild this city from the inside, brick by brick, building by building,” Arulampalam said. “And that’s why we’re here today, to build equity in the people of Hartford, not just in bricks and mortar and in floorboards and in granite countertops but in the people of our city.”

Hartford residents aged 18 years or older can apply to the Hartford Developers Cohort online at hartfordlandbank.org. The deadline to apply is Nov. 21.

The two-week program, which will take place from Dec. 4-11, is free and will provide child care to participants who have children.

It will cover how to build a budget, identify and use different sources of funding, order materials, track costs, work with city government, build a strategy and a team and form a limited liability corporation.

Participants will also visit land bank properties that are under construction, like 78 Martin St.

The one-family home built around 1900 is in poor condition, though it’s retained some of its original details, like arched windows on the second floor and transom lites and corbels above the front door.

The land bank hopes a homeowner will eventually live in the renovated property. In the meantime, the construction site may serve as a classroom.

The land bank has already sold two properties, 61 Charlotte St. and 128 Edgewood St., to minority general contractors who are using their own financing to fix up the multifamily homes. Two others, 471 Garden St. and 103 Earle St., were bought by contractors who will add the apartments to their rental inventories in Hartford.

The land bank has started looking for a developer-buyer for another property in its portfolio, a “perfect six,” Italianate six-family home at 196 Homestead Avenue.

Its seventh property, a tiny home at 59 Magnolia St., had to be demolished after an engineer fell through the floor up to his knees.

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State asks landlords to rent to Afghan families

More than 200 refugees have already arrived in Connecticut

By Dave Collins
Associated Press

Connecticut officials and refugee advocates are calling on landlords to rent apartments to dozens of families that fled Afghanistan and will be resettling in the state, saying they’ll guarantee rent is paid and even co-sign rental agreements if necessary.

The state and refugee resettlement groups are trying to find a few hundred apartments for Afghan families, but say some landlords have expressed reluctance.

“Landlords, please step up,” Gov. Ned

Lamont, a Democrat, said at a news conference outside a New Haven apartment set aside for one of the families on Wednesday. “We’re going to make it work for you, make it work for you financially and it’s really the right thing to do.”

The federal government told Connecticut officials to expect 510 refugees from Afghanistan to resettle in the state, and 214 already have arrived, said Deidre Gifford, the state’s social services commissioner.

About 9,000 Afghans have been resettled in the U.S. and more than 50,000 are living in temporary housing at military bases in the U.S., according to the Biden administration. Up to 30,000 more are projected to arrive over the next year or so. The refugees fled after the U.S. withdrew troops from Afghanistan in August and the Taliban took over.

Chris George, executive director of the New Haven-based Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, said his organization is looking for at least 100 apartments for the refugees. Another group, the Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, is also trying to secure housing for the families.

George said some landlords are saying they’re not interested in renting to the refugees, despite the American tradition of welcoming immigrants.

“We stand behind these refugee families,” George said at the news conference. “We’ll make sure they pay the rent in full, on time. We are so confident that we will co-sign the lease. So please, landlords, we’re not asking you to put refugees to the front of the line. We just want them to be in line. We want you to consider them as worthy tenants.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
COUNCIL OFFICE
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

Notice is hereby given that at the Regular Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown held on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM the proposed ordinance was approved, amending Chapter 272 ("Taxation") of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Middletown, adding Section 272-9.8, a Tax Stabilization Agreement for the piece of property consisting of the second and third floors of the building located upon the real property situated at 545 Main Street, Middletown, CT (the "Property") in favor of 545 Main Realty, LLC (the "Developer").

ATTEST: LINDA S.K. REED
Common Council Clerk
Dated this 5th day of November 2021
11/5/2021 7078282

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage Cube contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 391 N. Frontage Rd. New London, CT 06320 to satisfy a lien on November 18, 2021 at approx. 2:30 pm at www.storagetreasures.com.

Cube: 2199- Ivette Rosario,
Cube: 3098 - Mayte Couvertier,
Cube: 3207 - Easca Oliver,
Cube: 4079 - David Alexander,
11/4/2021, 11/5/2021 7075828

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell personal property described below belonging to those individuals listed below at the location indicated: **578 Federal Road, Brookfield, CT 06804, November 19, 2021 at 10:00 AM.** **Craig Vandenbrulle INC unit 2055, furniture, Daniel Griffin unit 2543, business inventory, Craig Vandenbrulle unit 2427, furniture, Craig Vandenbrulle unit 2068, Furniture, Business Supplies, Elonda Green unit 2247, table, bags, headboard and footboard.** The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storagetreasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

11/5, 11/12/2021 7075900

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following self-storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 868 Flanders Road, Mystic, CT 06355 to satisfy a lien on November 18th, 2021 at approx. 1:30 PM at www.storagetreasures.com:
Cube #5331: Benjamin Rajotte;
Cube #6214: Kristen Lynn.
11/4, 11/5/2021 7076126

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: The following self-storage unit contents containing household and other goods will be sold for cash by CubeSmart 1501 Route 12, Gales Ferry, CT 06335 to satisfy a lien on November 18th, 2021 at approx. 1:30 PM at www.storagetreasures.com:

Cube #117: Alicia Skelcher;
Cube #254: Leonard Wenzel;
Cube #2213: George Daigle,
11/4, 11/5/2021 7076096

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ESSEX ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Essex Zoning Board of Appeals will hold the following public hearing on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, by in person meeting (see agenda on Town's website www.essexct.gov for further details), at 7:00 p.m. to hear the following applications:

Application No. 21-43 on behalf of Jonathan and Michele Carlisle, 39A River Road, Essex, CT, Assessor's Map 10 Lot 19, RU District, requesting variances to sections 40D, 40E, and 40N, of the zoning regulations to construct a patio to be located to the property line and retaining wall where 10 feet is required.

Application No. 21-44 on behalf of Gerald Alessandrini, 26 Falls Road, Ivoryton, CT, Assessor's Map 36 Lot 13, RUM District, requesting variances to sections 40C, 40D, 40E, 40 I.1, 62B, and 50D, of the zoning regulations to construct a detached 12' X 20' garage to be located 20 feet from the property line where 40 feet is required.

Copies of the application are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and Land Use Department at Essex Town Hall and can be viewed on the Town's webpage.

Essex Planning and Zoning Commission
Carey Duques, AICP, CZEO

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF Kathleen Dublanica, late of Simsbury (21-00468)

The Hon. Cynthia C. Becker, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Simsbury Regional Probate Court, by decree dated October 28, 2021, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.

Julianne R. McCahill, Assistant Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Peter Dublanica, 10835 Towerbridge Road, Littleton, CO 80130
11/5/21 7078713

**LEGAL NOTICE OF DECISION
OLD SAYBROOK ZONING COMMISSION**

At the Old Saybrook Zoning Commission meeting of November 1, 2021 the following decision was rendered:

Petition to Amend the Old Saybrook Zoning Regulations to remove Sec. 68.1.2B4* Narrow Street Setback, Sect. 9 Definitions Street line to allow other line setback when street is an unimproved road, leads to a coastal resource, CT River or LIS, Sec. 9 Special Flood Hazard Area - add A0 & AH, 68.1.2B9* Tidal Wetland Setback to allow vertical expansion over non-conforming structures. New 10.11 Repair to allow reconstruction of certain pre-existing non-conformities of 120 s.f. or less. Sect. 9 Structure to exclude sheds of 120 s.f. or less, hot tubs, and seasonal inflatable/metal pools. Remove references to previously deleted section 52.17.15, 52.7.18 and 52.7.13 from Adult Entertainment, Automotive Use, Residential Lifecare Facility standards in Sec. 53. Delete section 53 Accessory apartment (residential) and replace with Accessory Apartment to include both attached and detached apartments for compliance with State Law (PA 21-29). Delete 7.7.1 Min. Building Size. Amend 62.4.5 Parking for 1 or 2 dwelling unit to require 1 space for accessory apartment. Remove/replace the words character and characteristics in 89 places throughout the regulations where appropriate. Amend Section 53 Accessory Apartments Mixed Use in the B-1 District to Mixed Use Apts. and allow for than 2 when deed restricted affordable.


Petitioner: Old Saybrook Zoning Commission

APPROVED 11/1/2021 EFFECTIVE 11/16/2021

Dated at Old Saybrook, Connecticut this 5th day of November 2021
Robert Friedmann, Chairman
11/5/2021 7078162


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‘ETERNALS’ ★★

Miscast director, crowded cast in story about savior-outcasts

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

“Eternals” introduces a slew of Marvel Cinematic Universe firsts. First same-sex kiss. First tender love scene between two hetero superheroes — discreet, brief but enough to remind you how much of the comic book genre is about looking good, alone, instead of quality time in pairs.

Unfortunately, another first: “Eternals” is co-writer and director Chloe Zhao’s first dull movie. After “Songs My Brother Taught Me” (2015), “The Rider” (2017) and her Oscar-winning “Nomadland” (2020), this movie is more risk-prone than the majority of Marvel titles. Yet it frustrates, even beyond a screenplay full of self-competing interests. And as far as MCU fatigue goes — well, at this point, it goes pretty far.

On the other hand: There’s a series waiting to be built around Lauren Ridloff’s super-speedy cyclone-genera-tor Makkari. Like Ridloff, the Tony Award nominee for “Children of a Lesser God” and a “Walking Dead” alum, this female iteration of the male character introduced in the 1976-78 “Eternals” comic books is deaf. In a packed ensemble, in which even Angelina Jolie and Salma Hayek struggle for some real estate, Ridloff emerges as the poetic lifeline.

Life for the Eternals is frustration incarnate. For



Richard Madden as Ikaris and Gemma Chan as Sersi in Chloe Zhao’s “Eternals.” SOPHIE MUTEVELIAN/MARVEL

ages, these specially gifted immortals, created by the Celestials, have borne witness to humankind’s struggle. The rules require them not to interfere with any epoch-defining historical outcomes.

The first third or so of “Eternals” plays like a dreamy update of the old ’60s TV show “The Time Tunnel,” toggling from 5000 B.C. Mesopotamia to modern-day London and a few other locales. The gang of 10 Eternals includes Ikaris (Richard Madden), Sersi (Gemma Chan, the

nominal female lead), Thena (Jolie) and Phastos (Brian Tyree Henry). For some droll throw-away jokes, there’s Kingo (Kumail Nanjiani), living a very public sort of incognito life as a Bollywood superstar.

The Deviants threaten Earth with the usual extinction, and these four-eyed bear/dog/wolf/extension cord hybrids periodically turn “Eternals” into a monster movie. There’s a great deal more to the plot, and considerable soul-searching about the

Eternals’ limitations. From Sprite (Lia McHugh) to Gilgamesh (Don Lee), they all share the feeling they’ve been here before, wherever “here” is. They watch over repeated human endeavors and devastation, without experiencing full participation.

Zhao strives for a franchise universe rangy and oddball enough to encompass Bollywood song and dance and everyday relationship difficulties among various couples. The villain/hero lines blur frequently, as do the

crisscrossing subplots. The welter of flashbacks early on eventually gives way to a seriously halfhearted action climax.

I honestly think the Zhao + Marvel equation was worth a shot. But there’s only so much room in the MCU for sidewinding introspection and meditative sunsets, no matter the director.

Turning down a Marvel movie, I’m sure, would not be easy, nor necessarily the right decision for one’s career. But I believe this also to be true: Zhao has

too much to say as a filmmaker to spend years of her life straining to personalize essentially impersonal heroics.

Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic. mjphillips@chicagotribune.com Twitter @phillipstribune

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for fantasy violence and action, some language and brief sexuality)
Running time: 2:37
How to watch: In theaters Nov. 4.

CELEBRITIES

Magic Johnson docuseries in works

From news services

A new documentary series about the life and career of Lakers great Earvin “Magic” Johnson is headed to Apple TV+.

Announced Thursday, the four-part docuseries chronicles the two-time NBA Hall of Famer’s accomplishments on and off the court. Directed by Rick Famuyiwa, the series will trace Johnson’s upbringing in Lansing, Michigan, through his championship career with the Los Angeles Lakers as well as his HIV/AIDS activism.

The NBA’s overall No. 1 draft pick in 1979, Johnson played with the Lakers for 13 seasons. In addition to winning five NBA championships, his basketball career highlights include winning the gold at the 1992 Olympic Games as part of the United States’ Dream Team.

Johnson became an advocate for HIV/AIDS education and research after he announced his HIV-positive status in November 1991.

The project boasts never-before-seen footage and interviews with Johnson and others to “offer an unprecedented look at one of sport’s all-time greats,” according to the announcement.

A premiere date has not been announced.

Williams guest hosts named: A few of her favorite male TV stars will fill in for Wendy Williams throughout the next few weeks. Jerry Springer, Bill Bellamy and Michael Rapaport have been announced as guest hosts on the nationally syndicated talk show amid the daytime diva’s extended absence.

Starting Monday, Rapaport will fill in as the show’s host for the week. A new panel of guests will take over for the Nov. 15



Earvin “Magic” Johnson holds a lifetime achievement award at the NBA Awards in 2019. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION

show followed by veteran comedian Bellamy, who will host for the following two days. Talk show host Springer will guest co-host with fellow daytime host Steve Wilkos on Nov. 18 and 19.

More guest hosts are expected to be announced as Williams continues to be out due to “ongoing health issues.”

Reynolds explains sabbatical: Ryan Reynolds surprised some people in mid-October when he announced he was taking a “little sabbatical” from making movies. Now he’s explaining what that means.

“I’m just trying to create a little bit more space for my family and time with them,” he recently told the Hollywood Reporter. “You know, you don’t really get that time back.”

He added: “I’ll probably be away from film, or at least shooting films, till the end of the summer.”

Reynolds, 45, who is married to actor Blake Lively, has three daughters

ages 2 through 6.

Joe Exotic has cancer: The man known as “Tiger King,” who gained fame in the Netflix documentary “Tiger King: Murder, Mayhem and Madness” following his conviction for trying to hire someone to kill animal rights activist Carole Baskin, says he has cancer.

“It is with a sad face that I have to tell you ... that my prostate biopsy’s came back with an aggressive cancer,” wrote Joe Exotic in a Twitter post Wednesday. Exotic, whose real name is Joseph Maldonado-Passage, is being held at a Texas federal prison.

Nov. 5 birthdays: Singer Art Garfunkel is 80. Singer Peter Noone is 74. TV personality Kris Jenner is 66. Singer Bryan Adams is 62. Actor Tilda Swinton is 61. Actor Tatum O’Neal is 58. Actor Judy Reyes is 54. Actor Seth Gilliam is 53. Actor Sam Rockwell is 53. Actor Luke Hemsworth is 41. Guitarist Kevin Jonas is 34.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
askamy@amydickinson.com Twitter@askingamy

A granddaughter requests gran’s bequest

Dear Amy: My grandmother recently died.

For me, she was like my third parent while growing up, because I spent so much time at her home.

From what I understand, there is no will. However, there are a couple of items from her home that I would like to have for sentimental reasons. (Specifically, a clock and ashes from her dogs that I grew up with).

I don’t know the most appropriate way to ask either of her sons about the items. A big roadblock is that I’m not actually blood related to my grandma or her children (we are related through her ‘later-in-life’ marriage to my deceased grandpa).

She and I loved each other, but she did tell me there was some animosity/jealousy with her blood relatives because of how close we were.

I would really like these items before they are possibly sold or just thrown out. What can I do?

— Missing my Grandma

be willing to pass along something that belonged to her, so I have a tangible reminder of her.” Mention the items you’re interested in receiving.

There is some likelihood that they will not respond at all to your request, or that they will respond negatively.

You should prepare yourself for that and understand that you may have to move forward without possessing the clock or the ashes.

Dear Amy: My brother married “Martha,” a woman 15 years older than he. She has never made any attempt to be a part of our family.

In fact, she said her goal was to alienate him from us because he was a Mama’s boy.

She has a habit of posting everything on Facebook. When that happens, my mother and I feel the need to retaliate.

Now they have newborn babies and will not let us be a part of their lives.

I have apologized to her for the things I’ve said and done in the past, but she took it as a chance to make a fight about it.

Is there any way to repair this relationship?

My brother is nonconfrontational and will let her verbally abuse our mother. His idea of “making peace” is to cut off all contact with us as a way to punish us, because we won’t just take her abuse.

He implied that she is mentally ill, and said we just need to let her say what she wants.

I’m not built that way. My personality is to defend my family. Your advice?

— Defensive

Dear Defensive: People like “Martha” traffic in drama, which is fueled by toxic distortions, and then will “punish” you in order to keep the game going.

For instance, she might refuse to let you see the children, and then accuse you of “not caring about the kids.”

The only way to win at this game is to refuse to play. Neutrality, politeness, unflappability — these qualities are kryptonite to Martha, because she needs a hard target. Any time you retaliate, you are giving her a gift, letting her be both the center of the action and the aggrieved party.

Detach completely from her on social media and don’t respond to any postings, other than to say, “that’s simply not true.”

The response to verbal abuse should be to say, “I don’t like the way you’re speaking to me, and so it’s time to leave,” and physically leave — or ask her politely to leave.

Focus on your brother — not on his wife. Understand that as long as he is with her, he and the children are vulnerable.

Dear Amy: Responding further to veterans who often get “thanked for their service,” when someone thanks me for serving in the United States Air Force, I thank them for paying their taxes.

— Proud of the USAF

Dear Proud: Great response.

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‘SPENCER’ ★★★

Kristen Stewart is Lady Di as she leaves Prince Charles

By Michael Phillips
Chicago Tribune

“Spencer” labels itself “a fable from a true tragedy,” which means it’s a biopic unafraid of acknowledging its speculative inventions. Director Pablo Larraín’s coolly compelling chamber drama tips you off at the start as to its central tragedian’s frame of mind, and spirit. Entering a roadside fish and chips restaurant somewhere in Norfolk, Lady Diana Spencer, Princess of Wales, asks for directions to the Queen’s Sandringham Estate. At the royal residence, Diana’s husband, sons, fearfully scrutinizing in-laws and assorted gossips and *de facto* surveillance experts await this adored, pitied celebrity’s arrival. Diana, played by Kristen Stewart in a performance surprising in its precision and quality only to those



Kristen Stewart in “Spencer.” PABLO LARRAIN/NEON

who’ve underestimated her since “Into the Wild,” musters the nerve to ask for directions. “I’ve no idea where I am,” she says, while Larraín’s camera isolates her in close-up. Stewart delineates a few, fraught verbal exchanges with the cashier as if Diana is reacquainting herself

with the niceties of ordinary human interaction. But ordinariness remains a distant memory. Everyone in the restaurant knows who she is, and the awkward stillness sucks all the oxygen out of Norfolk. From there, “Spencer” marks Diana’s conspicuously late arrival for Christ-

mas 1991, at the estate just across the field from where she grew up. Her childhood home has been declared unsafe. She has known a long time it is time to leave Prince Charles. She finds herself looking backward, and forward. The present feels like a straitjacket. As with director Larraín’s Jacqueline Kennedy chamber piece “Jackie,” screenwriter Steven Knight’s narrative (more routine than the “Jackie” script) bores in on a finite, behind-the-scenes period of private decision-making. We see Diana in some quietly tender interludes with her sons, as well as scenes with various “helpers” and royal staffers whose discretion can never be taken for granted. The rituals and ceremony on view in “Spencer” include lavish, military-precision meal preparation (Sean Harris

is Darren McGrady, royal head chef) and bizarre, nerve-wracking traditions. Timothy Spall’s Major Gregory oversees the literal weighing-in of the assembled family members prior to Christmas Eve dinner, just for “a bit of fun,” so the explicitly encouraged weight gain over the next three days can begin as it has for decades and decades. In “Spencer,” we see Diana in the throes of bulimia, among so many other challenges to her mental and physical health. We also see exactly how difficult it might have been to carve some time for herself, even for that. One creative collaborator above all helps make Larraín’s peculiar, compelling picture work, even with some of screenwriter Knight’s clunky Captain Obvious rhetoric. Composer Jonny Greenwood, who may be the best

film composer alive, blends classical forms with freer, jazz-based expressions of interior distress like a wizard. The score’s in tune with Stewart’s carefully detailed performance. Die-hard devotees of “The Crown” likely won’t like the taste of ashes swirling around in all that’s served here. But there’s more than one way to dramatize the public/private schisms of celebrity, and this way feels right for this director, this actress and this movie. Michael Phillips is a Tribune critic. miphillips@chicagotribune.com Twitter @phillips Tribune

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How to watch: Premieres in theaters Nov. 5.

‘Last Night in Soho’ explores dangers of nostalgia

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

It’s a few hours before the world premiere of Edgar Wright’s “Last Night in Soho” at the Venice Film Festival earlier this year, and Wright is getting a little teary eyed. He’s telling a story about Dame Diana Rigg. It’s a good one, too, involving Campari and soda on the last day he saw her. Most stories involving Rigg have a supporting Campari-and-soda part. It’s a story he has told before and will certainly tell again since a few weeks after that encounter she died at age 82. But Wright has become acutely aware that it’s impossible to separate this movie, a passion project of his for over 10 years, from the surreal experience of not only working with a star who had epitomized 1960s glamour, but also befriend-

ing and losing her. But if there ever was a film fit for reflection about past, present, fantasy and reality, “Last Night in Soho” is it. The stylized story imagines a young, 1960s-obsessed fashion designer, Eloise (Thomasin McKenzie), who travels to London for school. When she finds a room to rent in Soho, she begins having increasingly realistic dreams about the era and a singer, Sandie (Anya Taylor-Joy), that starts out as sparkling, Champagne fun, but takes a sinister turn the deeper she goes. “The movie is essentially about the dangers of nostalgia,” Wright said of the film now in theaters. “There is no magical decade where everything was great. It’s just a fallacy to suggest that that exists.” It is an exciting departure for Wright, who has become known for a partic-

ular brand of referential humor. Wright had originally envisioned Taylor-Joy as Eloise. He told her as much when he met her in 2015 just as she was breaking out after her turn in the indie horror “The Witch.” But when Sandie started developing into a richer character during the writing process, he realized that it was meant for her. “It was sort of having seen her in other films and even just seeing her on the carpet,” Wright said. “She’s almost like a silent movie star, isn’t she?” This meant he was now without an Eloise. Then someone suggested 18-year-old McKenzie. “This was definitely a project that I chased. It wasn’t offered to me,” McKenzie said. “I was at a very similar stage in my life ... She’s a young girl with big aspirations, big hopes, a

little bit shy and uncertain, but determined to kind of prove herself and making her way to the big city and then kind of being overwhelmed with everything that came with that journey.” The parallels didn’t stop there. She and her character were coming to London at age 18, and her grandmother would be played by Rita Tushingham, who made “A Taste of Honey” when she was 18 in 1961. “I loved the relationship between Ellie and her grandmother. I’ve lived with my grandmother my entire life. She’s 94 now,” McKenzie said. “In a way, I did this film in honor of her career.” McKenzie’s grandmother, actor Kate Harcourt, was made a dame in New Zealand for her contributions to theater. Wright also wrote a meaty role for another major name of the era,



Thomasin McKenzie in Edgar Wright’s “Last Night in Soho.” PARISA TAGHIZADEH/FOCUS FEATURES

Terence Stamp. It’s a nod not just to actors he grew up loving, but also an acknowledgment that many of those stars of the past are still vital and working today. In “Soho,” Rigg, Stamp and Tushingham aren’t just there for “tokenry,” he said. They are pivotal parts they all wanted to play. Wright mostly relished the opportunity to both pay tribute to and expose an era

that has increasingly been reduced to something of a false novelty. The last day he saw Rigg to loop some lines, she was bedridden. They did their work and sipped Campari and soda and then just chatted for an hour. Wright was working with his editor when word came that Rigg had passed. “That day,” he said, “We put the dedication at the start of the movie.”

Showtime’s ‘Dexter: New Blood’ tests monstrous family bonds

By Mark Kennedy
Associated Press

America’s favorite serial killer is hiding out in upstate New York when we finally catch up to him. The good news is he hasn’t killed anyone in a decade. The bad news is his knife skills are still top-notch. Michael C. Hall, who plays the troubled hero of the “Dexter” series, steps back into the role with Showtime’s “Dexter: New Blood,” resurrecting one of TV’s darkest characters after an eight-year break and an ending that many found unsatisfying. “The fact that the ending of the series was both open-ended and unsatisfying was part of the motivation to come back and revisit the character with all this time having passed and find out more definitively what happened to him,” says Hall. The new series premiering Nov. 7 isn’t a ninth season, but a departure. Dexter Morgan has abandoned warm and bustling Miami for the fictional small town of Iron Lake, New York. The 10-episode series takes place over 17 days in the icy winter, as blood mixes with snow. Dexter may have left a trail of corpses in Florida, but in New York, he has managed to keep his murderous impulse — he calls it his Dark Passenger — in check for 10 years. There are fewer than 3,000 residents in his new town and few secrets. He’s got a job at a fish and game outfitter — access to guns and knives — and is even dating the chief of police. They line-dance to a Blondie song at the local bar. But not all is calm. His dead sister — played by Jennifer Carpenter — haunts Dexter. And the arrival of his long-lost son, Harrison — now a moody



Jack Alcott, left, and Michael C. Hall in “Dexter: New Blood.” SEACIA PAVAO/SHOWTIME

teen with lots of questions about why he was abandoned by his dad — forces Dexter out of his comfort zone. “People are going to die. We know all of that. I wanted to present Michael with a theme, and the theme, which is very dear to me, is fathers and sons,” says showrunner and executive producer Clyde Phillips. Hall notes that the arrival of Dexter’s son coincides with the bubbling out of his murderous impulses: “A sort of door to his humanity that he’s shut is opened, but you can’t selectively open internal doors. They all open and everything starts to get out.” In addition to coming to grips with fatherhood, Dexter is both fearful and excited by the notion that his son also might have a Dark Passenger. Is his murderous streak genetic? Or does it have to do with both of them experiencing horrific events when they were infants? “The lines remain blurred and the blacks and whites turn to gray,” says Hall. “And that’s a part of what the show always

does, and where the show always lived, I think.” While the nature-versus-nurture debate takes center stage, the series also delves into opioid abuse, bullying, school shootings and climate change. Throughout is its trademark dark humor. In one scene, Dexter butchers a body while the Christmas song “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” is sung by a choir. “Sorry about the mess,” he tells the victim. “I’m out of practice.” Eagle-eyed fans will watch as Jack Alcott, who plays Harrison, mimics many of Dexter’s behaviors, like the way he eats his food aggressively or the similar ways they sleep or cross a room. “It’s all reminiscent,” says Phillips. “But does he have the essence of Dexter? Does he have the Dark Passenger? And that’s the big question for the season.” “Dexter” ran for eight seasons from 2006 to 2013, winning four Emmys and a 2007 Peabody Award. Hall earned five straight Emmy nominations as the title character between 2008 and 2012.

HOROSCOPES

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Projecting an image of sophistication can pay off handsomely in your professional or public life. Check your impulses before you act and listen more than you speak. An air of calm might even pave the way for a lucrative and long-lasting deal.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You might be eager to strike out in a new direction and leave outmoded habits behind, which is a big shift for a comfort-loving person like you, Taurus. Moving to somewhere brand new, taking an advanced class, or going on a spiritual journey are among the exciting possibilities.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Geminis tend to live in the world of logic, but your emotional side is coming out. You may find that people are trying to relate to you in closer ways than before. You’d be wise to open up a bit and share parts of yourself you’re not used to sharing.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Teamwork could be a great benefit to you right now, taking a great weight off your shoulders. By joining with someone who isn’t afraid of hard work, you will be able to focus on the more creative tasks you enjoy. You get a lot more done when you work together.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You could strike gold on the work front. Clients and co-workers may become easier to relate to and show more appreciation for all that you do. Stop selling yourself short — if the services you provide are top-notch, don’t be afraid to charge what you’re worth. A boost in income can bring more comfort.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Try to get all your tasks done early today and devote your time to fun, pleasurable activities. You can truly rejuvenate yourself right now by focusing on what makes your heart happy. When the day is done, some quiet time at home might be just what you need to bring full balance to your life.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Home is where your heart should be right now because dedicating time to domestic pursuits can help bring you some stability — especially if you’ve felt a bit scattered recently. This is a great time to host a family gathering or launch a redecorating project.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Even if you might normally keep to yourself, socializing could bring out the best in you right now, especially if you’re mixing with people who are as passionate as you are. Taking a class just for fun could help you meet those with similar interests and also help

to open your mind. **Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You could find yourself truly blessed in the financial department today — any hard work you’ve devoted your time and energy toward can finally start pulling in rewards. If you end up with mad money, you may want to splurge, but you’d also be wise to put some into savings,

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your self-image gets a lovely boost today. Investing in your appearance in some way can not only make you feel good, but also draw new eyes in your direction. Friends may have a lot to say about your new, polished look, and it will likely all be supportive. Be ready to take a step toward your dreams.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Although Aquarians tend to thrive when connecting with others, starting today, you might begin to find more beauty and benefit in times of solitude. Connecting with your spiritual center and practicing self-love can help you enter a new phase of contentment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Spending time with friends can bring you a lot of relief. You might have been in great demand at work lately, prompting you to be on your best behavior and project an air of professionalism wherever you go. Now that this phase is

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Nov. 5, 1605, the “Gunpowder Plot” failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

In 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony defied the law by

attempting to cast a vote for President Ulysses S. Grant.

In 1935, Parker Brothers began marketing the board game “Monopoly.”

In 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey.

In 2006, Saddam Hussein

was convicted and sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal to hang for crimes against humanity.

In 2007, Hollywood writers began a three-month strike.

In 2009, a shooting at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder.

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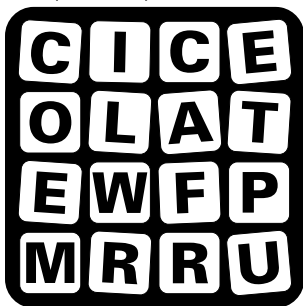
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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

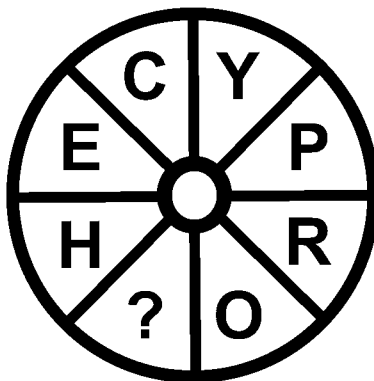
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8 letters = 10 points
9+ letters = 15 points

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101-150 = Expert
61-100 = Pro
31-60 = Gamer
21-30 = Rookie
11-20 = Amateur
0-10 = Try again

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: match day

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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ACROSS

- James or Scott
- "I'm a Celebrity, Get Me ___ of Here!"
- "Two ___ Half Men"
- "Murphy ___"
- More impolite
- ___ Mae; type of home loan
- ___ sow, so shall ye reap"
- Rubies and sapphires
- ___ Bloopers & Practical Jokes"
- One of the girls in "Little Women"
- Elder daughter of Judy Garland
- Huntley or Atkins
- ___ Man"; Dustin Hoffman film
- Singer ___ Cline
- ___ Wonderful Life"
- One of the girls in "Little Women"
- Actress Vergara
- Role on "The Golden Girls"
- President William Howard ___
- ___ Wolf"; MTV series starring Tyler Posey
- Mexican Mrs.
- Series for George Eads
- ___ with the Wind"

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DOWN

- "Rebel Without a ___"; James Dean movie
- Star of "Matlock"
- "Zip-___-Doo-Dah"
- VP Rockefeller's monogram
- Biden's boss
- Crematorium shelf supplies
- 2000 pounds
- "Dancing ___"
- Ms. Campbell & her namesakes
- Male sheep
- Turkish felt hat
- Actress Lollobrigida
- Pig's home
- One of Bart's sisters
- Felix and Garfield
- ___ again; back to one's former pursuits
- Lowly worker
- Role for Marcia Cross on "Desperate Housewives"
- Poet Coleridge's monogram
- Fertile spot in the desert
- Carried
- Junior nav. officer
- One of the boys on "Home Improvement"
- Actress Joan Van ___
- Actor Richard ___
- Narrow cut
- "America's ___ Talent"
- "The ___"; series for Efrim Zimbaldist, Jr.

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ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

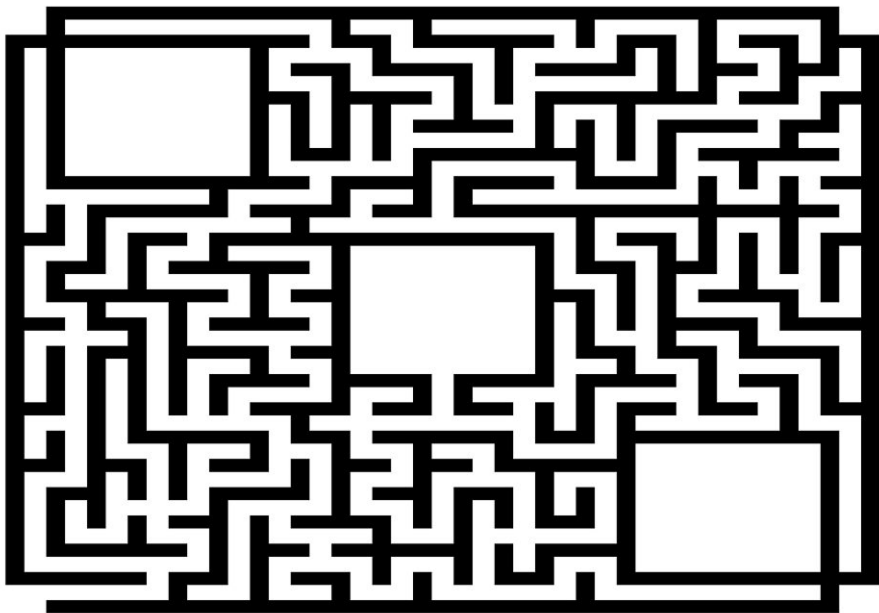
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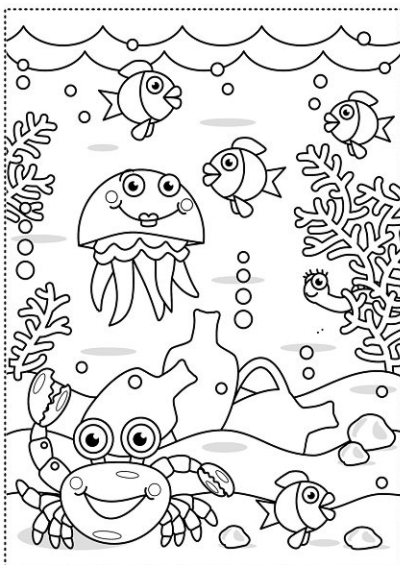
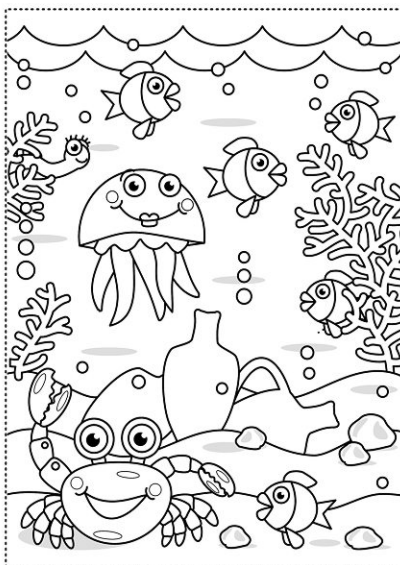
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Find 10 differences.



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WELL, PRO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

BLEAH!!

THAT WAS A TEN-DOLLAR LESSON?

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YOU CAN'T FOOL US ANYMORE, MR. BUTTS! THE LIGGETT COMPANY HAS ADMITTED THAT SMOKING KILLS!

WELL, SURE, BULLY, BUT LIGGETT ONLY REPRESENTS 2% OF THE INDUSTRY! 98% OF US STILL SAY SMOKING IS SAFE! THAT'S 98%!

AND NUMBERS DON'T LIE, YOUNGSTER!

YEAH, BUT... BUT...

BUT?

BILLY! YOU'RE CHOKING!

OH, RIGHT...

USE YOUR FACT SHEET!

OH, RIGHT...

G.B. Trudeau

I COULDN'T SLEEP THINKING ABOUT YOU LAST NIGHT, LIZ

HOW SWEET-

SNORE

JIM DAVIS 11-5

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JUST A QUESTION...

IS PUDDING SUPPOSED TO HAVE BONES?

King Monthly Garrison

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I HATE IT WHEN THEY SERVE FISH WITH THE HEAD ON IT.

I FEEL LIKE HE'S GLARING AT ME.

KYLAN PARKER

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PLAN FOR LIFE

- Publish novel by age 30.
- Win Pulitzer by 35.
- Become millionaire by 40.
- Retire by 45.
- Travel entire world by 50.

WHAT ALL THAT NEIGHBOR NED?

MY PLAN FOR LIFE, YOU SHOULD DO ONE TOO.

Eat pizza by 6 (o'clock)

HARD FOR ME TO SEE PAST DINNER.

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WE'RE ENTERING AN ERA OF MEGADROUGHTS, MEGA-FIRES AND MEGAFLOODS.

WE NEED A HERO TO SAVE US.

I'M HERE!

MEGA-BEAR?

AT LEAST HE'S NOT WEARING TIGHTS.

Heathcliff

THERE WAS NOTHING IN THE REFRIGERATOR TO SNACK ON EXCEPT A JAR OF OLIVES

OH, THAT'S A SHAME, DEAR

WELL, OLIVES ARE BETTER THAN NOTHING

BESIDES, YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I HATE TO WASTE A TRIP TO THE REFRIGERATOR

I DO KNOW, DEAR

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AT VOLLEYBALL PRACTICE:

ARE WE BORING YOU, KIANNA?

AND LATER...

LET'S TRY SOMETHING ELSE.

OK.

BEFORE YOU GET HURT!

SORRY, COACH.

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CHEER UP, WILBUR. HOW ABOUT WE GO TO **KARAOKE** AFTER THIS? WHEN YOU **EXPRESS** YOUR EMOTIONS, YOU **HEAL** YOUR EMOTIONS.

I'D LIKE THAT, MARY.

MEANWHILE, AS ESTELLE AND LIBBY'S VET HAVE DINNER...

I ENJOY MY WORK, BUT I HAVE OTHER INTERESTS TOO. FOR EXAMPLE, I ENJOY **SINGING**.

THAT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS! WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN GOING TO **KARAOKE** AFTER DINNER?

MOY
BRODMAN
11/6/21

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I WAS JUST WAITING TO MAKE SURE YOU WERE NEAR YOUR CAR.

WHAT? MY CAR? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

NOBODY ORDERS ME TO TAKE OUT AN OLD FRIEND. SO LONG, BOSS.

KLING!

Boon Boon 11-5-21

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KAT, PLEASE

PLEASE, WHAT? PLEASE HEAR HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME BUT NEED TIME AWAY FROM ME?

PAGE 2

YOU CLEARLY HAVE BEEN HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT US IN YOUR HEAD FOR A LONG TIME. YOU JUST WAITED TOO LONG TO SHARE IT WITH ME.

MARCILIANO + MANLEY
11/5

CRUZ? YOU WRAPPING THINGS UP IN THERE?

TIA CARMEN NEEDS TO USE THE BATHROOM.

I'M IN THE TUB... GETTING A NICE SOAK!

CAN SHE JUST GO IN THE BACKYARD?

THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING!

MY SQUASH!!

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HOW'S YOUR FOOT BEEN FEELING?

IT STILL ACHES A LITTLE.

BUT SINCE I'VE BEEN OFF MY KNEES, THEY DON'T HURT ANYMORE... IN FACT, THEY FEEL TERRIFIC!

APPARENTLY MY KNEES CAN'T WAIT FOR ME TO DIE!

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SOCIAL DISTANCE

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THE WHOLE WIZARD OUTFIT THING WAS GETTING OLD

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THE TIMES

Please pass the wrinkle cream.

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~~A SMILE~~
Crinkly Eyes

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HERE Y'GO... NOW FLY IT UP THERE AND SCREW IT INTO THE SOCKET...

YEAH... THAT'S IT... FLY THAT WAY AND AROUND 'TIL IT'S IN...

ALRIGHT? NICE JOB!

I'M SO DIZZY! I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA HEAVE!

OK... JUST ONE MORE!

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Tweet gets rookie in viral mess

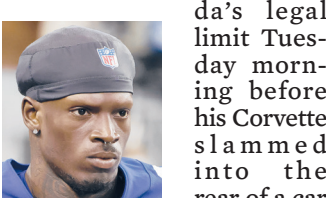
Toney's 'everyone makes mistakes' post about Ruggs' fatal car crash draws ire

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Kadarius Toney needs to put his phone down.

The Giants rookie let go an incredibly insensitive, tone-deaf and misguided tweet Wednesday in defense of ex-Raiders receiver Henry Ruggs III.

Ruggs, 22, was driving 156 miles per hour with a blood alcohol content twice Nevada's legal limit Tuesday morning before his Corvette slammed into the rear of a car that burst into flames,



killing a 23-year-old woman named Tina Tintor and her dog, according to prosecutors.

Toney's response to the tragedy was to excuse Ruggs' alleged felony that caused another person's death as a "mistake" and to criticize everyone else in the world for judging him.

"We young....everybody make mistakes....y'all lookin at the situation like 'this or that' kuz it ain't y'all...having so much too say," Toney tweeted on his account, @OfficialC2N. "[H]e know he messed up don't drag em for it.....that's goofy to me....just pray for the families involved."

Ex-Jet Damien Woody was one of the thousands of people disgusted by Toney's response.

"Some of ya'll youngins don't believe in accountability is the problem!" Woody tweeted on @damienwoody. "A person was killed b/c of a terrible decision."

But Toney woke up Thursday morning and doubled down. With two laughing faces, he tweeted: "tough talkin don't faze me....gangsta."

Head coach Joe Judge on Thursday did not sound as if he planned to punish the receiver for his latest distraction and poor decision.

"I have spoken to Kadarius. I've spoken to the entire team on this issue," Judge said. "I

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Up next



■ Inside: Panthers coach knew Mac Jones was special. Page 4



UConn BASKETBALL 2021-22

The Courant's preview of the upcoming UConn men's and women's teams continues with a fans' guide to the season. Check back each day through Monday for more as the teams prepare for the start of the regular season next week. [More at **courant.com/sports/uconn**](#)

Watch party



After missing out on the 2020-21 season, UConn fans will be welcomed back into the XL Center and Gampel Pavilion once again. But if you can't get a ticket, there are plenty of ways to watch the Huskies this season. **BRAD HARRIGAN/HARTFORD COURANT**

Viewer's guide to the games locally and from across the country

By Dom Amore and Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

Trying to watch the Huskies locally? From across the country? Via cable? Via streaming service?

No matter what your situation is, we have you covered with our 2021-22 viewing guide for both the UConn women's and men's basketball teams.

Fans will be welcomed back to Gampel Pavilion and the XL Center, with easing COVID-19 restrictions allowing for full capacity at the start.

Of course, not everyone will be able to make it to the arena, and for those who can't here is all you need to know about the TV schedule, the women's games on SNY and various national outlets, the men mostly on Fox networks as per the Big East deal.

UConn women

Thanks to a deal SNY struck with Fox Sports, the Big East's primary TV rights holder, SNY will carry the majority of UConn women's basketball games, starting with the Nov. 14

Turn to Guide, Page 4



UConn coach Geno Auriemma, left, assistant coach Morgan Valley, center, and associate head coach Chris Dailey watch First Night events Oct. 15 in Storrs. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Chat with the experts

Join The Courant's UConn basketball beat writers — Dom Amore on the men, Alexa Philippou on the women — for a live chat today beginning at noon. Get your questions in early by going to [courant.com/uconnlivechat](#)

What Geno thinks he knows — and still has yet to find out — about his team

By Alexa Philippou
Hartford Courant

STORRS — The UConn women's basketball team is only 10 days away from officially kicking off its season, at which point Huskies head coach Geno Auriemma and staff will get their first real data to assess what the strengths and weaknesses are.

That said, heading into Sunday's exhibition against Division II opponent Fort Hays State, it's not like they're working off of nothing. In addition to the team's summer session and preseason practices the Huskies held a closed door scrimmage in October against Boston College, which Auriemma said was worthwhile for a team that features four newcomers and 10 returners.

"Anytime you're actually playing against another team, and you're seeing somebody different than what you're used to seeing every day, [you get something out of it]," Auriemma said Thursday. "When you watch it on film, it really points out a lot of the little

Turn to Women, Page 4

YANKEES

These shortstops could be club's long-term solution at position

By Kristie Ackert
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — While the stink of stale champagne is still being cleared out of the visiting clubhouse in Houston, baseball quickly turns its attention to the free agent market. For the Yankees, who've had plenty of down time to do their research after being bounced in the American League Wild Card Game, that means it's time to fill holes that

became very apparent in 2021.

First on their shopping list is a shortstop. Last month, after announcing the extension of manager Aaron Boone, GM Brian Cashman said that was an obvious need. Considering the team gave up on Gleyber Torres at shortstop in mid-September, it is pretty obvious.

The question for the Yankees at this position, however, is if they are looking for a long-term shortstop of the future. That means shop-

ping in the luxury aisle of the free agent market, which has plenty of interesting offerings this winter. The likes of Carlos Correa, Trevor Story, Corey Seager or Marcus Semien, who vaulted into top-tier status this year, are not only going to cost a lot of money, they are going to require longer-term commitments. Two of the Yankees top prospects — Anthony Volpe and Oswaldo Peraza — are shortstops the Yankees would likely have to commit to moving if

they bring in a superstar shortstop.

At just 27, Correa is going to be a foundation for an organization for years to come when he signs this winter. He will be a solid building block having slashed .279/.366/.485 with 26 home runs this season. He's rated as one of the league's best with the glove for the past few seasons. He finished the 2021 regular season with the top WAR according to Baseball Reference.

But Correa was also the face of

the Astros' 2017-18 cheating scandal, which still burns the Yankees. It's hard to imagine Correa in a Yankees clubhouse full of players who were very vocal in their belief the Astros cheated them out of a trip to the World Series.

Seager has seemed like the best fit for the Yankees, who are committed to diversifying their lineup with more lefty hitters. Seager, the 2020

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SPORTS

BRUINS 5, RED WINGS 1

Bergeron nets 4 goals in rout of Detroit

Associated Press

BOSTON — Patrice Bergeron scored his first four goals of the season, Brad Marchand had four assists and the Boston Bruins beat the Detroit Red Wings 5-1 on Thursday night.

Marchand assisted on all four of Bergeron's goals, Mike Reilly scored his first of the season and Charlie McAvoy had a pair of assists for Boston. Jeremy Swayman finished with 14 saves for the Bruins, who remained unbeaten at home and handed Detroit its

fourth straight loss, the last three coming in regulation.

Lucas Raymond scored Detroit's goal, beating Swayman with a wrist shot with the Red Wings on a 5-on-3 power-play 7:46 into the third period. That made the score to 3-1, but Boston needed less than a minute before Reilly poked in a rebound and Bergeron added his fourth goal with 4:08 left to play.

Thomas Greiss finished with 32 saves for Detroit.

The Bruins outshot the Red Wings 12-3 in the opening period and held Detroit

to just six more in the second period.

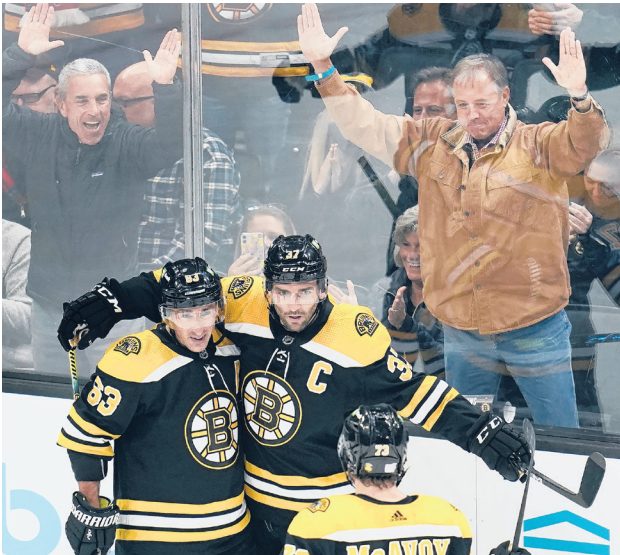
Bergeron, the Boston captain who has played his entire career with the Bruins, entered the game with three assists and no goals through the first seven games. He had his seventh career hat trick secured before the end of the second period, beating Greiss on a wrist shot with 1:15 remaining.

It was also the third power-play goal of the night for the Bruins, who entered the game with three goals in 19 power-play opportuni-

ties through the first seven games.

Bergeron gave Boston its first lead 11:03 into the first with a shot from the slot off of passes from Marchand and McAvoy.

Marchand and Bergeron worked the puck around for another power-play goal 10:52 into the second, when Marchand slipped a pass from behind the net to Bergeron in the slot as Tyler Bertuzzi sat out an interference penalty after Swayman came up with a big save on one of the few times he was tested.



The Bruins' Patrice Bergeron, center, is congratulated for his goal during the second period against the Red Wings on Thursday in Boston. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

UP NEXT

UConn football: Clemson, Nov. 13, noon
Patriots: at Panthers, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Giants: Raiders, Sunday, 1 p.m.
Jets: Bills, Nov. 14, 1 p.m.
UConn MBB: Central (Gampel), Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Coppin State (XL Center), Nov. 13, noon; LIU (Gampel), Nov. 17, 6:30 p.m.
UConn WBB: Fort Hays State (Gampel, exhibition), Sunday, 1 p.m.; Arkansas (XL Center), Nov. 14, 1 p.m.; vs. Minnesota (Battle 4 Atlantis, Bahamas), Nov. 20, noon
Celtics: at Mavericks, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.; Raptors, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Bucks, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: at Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Cavaliers, Sunday, 6 p.m.; at 76ers, Monday, 7 p.m.
Nets: at Pistons, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Raptors, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; at Bulls, Monday, 8 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Maine, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Maine, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Boston College, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
Bruins: at Maple Leafs, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Senators, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Oilers, Thursday, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Oilers, Friday, 9:30 p.m.; at Flames, Saturday, 10 p.m.; Panthers, Monday, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Bridgeport, Friday, 7 p.m.; W-B/Scranton, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING

1:25 p.m.: Formula 1 Racing Mexico City Grand Prix, Practice 1. (Live) ESPN2
4 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series NASCAR Cup Series Championship, Practice. (Live) NBCSP
4:55 p.m.: Formula 1 Racing Mexico City Grand Prix, Practice 2. (Live) ESPN2
5 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Lucas Oil 150. (Live) FS1
8 p.m.: NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Lucas Oil 150. (Live) FS1

BASKETBALL

7 p.m.: Miles at Kentucky. (Live) SEC
7:30 p.m.: New York Knicks at Milwaukee Bucks. (Live) ESPN
10:05 p.m.: New Orleans Pelicans at Golden State Warriors. (Live) ESPN
EQUESTRIAN
5 p.m.: Breeders Cup. (Live) NBCSP
FOOTBALL
6 p.m.: Princeton at Dartmouth. (Live) ESPNU
7:30 p.m.: Virginia Tech at Boston College. (Live) ESPN2
10:30 p.m.: Utah at Stanford. (Live) FS1

GOLF

8 a.m.: Portugal Masters, Second Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
12 p.m.: TimberTech Championship, First Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: World Wide Technology Championship at Mayakoba, Second Round. (Live) GOLF
4 a.m.: Ladies Euro Tour Golf Aramco Saudi Ladies International, Second Round. (Same-day Tape) GOLF
5 a.m. Sat.: Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship, Final Round. (Live) ESPN2

HOCKEY

12 p.m.: St. Louis Blues at San Jose Sharks. (Taped) NHL
2 p.m.: Tampa Bay Lightning at Toronto Maple Leafs. (Taped) NHL
3 p.m.: Philadelphia Flyers at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Taped) NHL

SOCCER

5:30 p.m.: Womens College }ACC Championship -- Clemson vs Virginia. (Live) ACC
8 p.m.: Womens College }ACC Championship -- Wake Forest vs Florida State. (Live) ACC

VOLLEYBALL

3 p.m.: Womens College: Kansas at West Virginia. (Live) ESPNU
9 p.m.: Womens College: Texas at Baylor. (Live) ESPNU

WINTER SPORTS

2 p.m.: Pintys Grand Slam of Curling National: Draw 14. (Live) SPRTNET
6 p.m.: Pintys Grand Slam of Curling National: Draw 15. (Live) SPRTNET
10 p.m.: Pintys Grand Slam of Curling National: Draw 16. (Live) SPRTNET

Yankees

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World Series MVP, has a power bat, rarely strikes out and draws walks. Seager hit .306/.394/.521 over 407 plate appearances this season, missing time with a fractured right hand. His glove has always been rated average to slightly below average the last few seasons, but his proven offense has been able to overcome that.

Semien moved to second base last year with the Blue Jays, but said he still considers himself a shortstop heading into free agency. Semien led MLB with 724 plate appearances, and he hit a .265/.334/.538 with 45 home runs, the fourth most in the majors, and stole 15 bases.

The Yankees have long been linked to Story in trade rumors, but that interest seemingly has fizzled out. There are plenty of reasons for that in 2021, including some horrible road-home splits that could keep his market down. At Coors Field, Story hit .296/.365/.515 with an .880 OPS. Away from



The Braves' Dansby Swanson steals second base ahead of the tag by Dodgers shortstop Corey Seager during Game 4 of the NLCS on Oct. 20 in Los Angeles. AP FILE

the Mile High city, Story hit .203/.292/.426 with a .717 OPS, which should raise some concerns. His .251/.329/.471 slash line in 2021 was his worst since 2017.

Two other intriguing options, who would cost less in terms of time and money, would be Javier Baez and Chris Taylor.

Baez struggled in 2020 and to start 2021, but finished strong with the Mets. He hits for power, runs the bases well and is an excellent defensive

shortstop.

Taylor hasn't played much shortstop over the last few years, but that was his primary position coming up with the Mariners. He played 23 games there this season for the Dodgers. He's an above-average hitter and is considered a decent defensive shortstop. He showed his ability to play on the big stage in the postseason. He hit .476/.542/1.048 with three homers in the National League Championship Series.



The Knicks' Julius Randle dribbles during the first half against the Pacers on Wednesday in Indianapolis. DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

KNICKS

Student of architecture

Julius Randle motivated by the way Bucks built NBA title team 'from the ground up'

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

MILWAUKEE — Julius Randle, like many NBA fans, found the Bucks refreshing.

And given Randle's circumstances with the Knicks, they were also inspiring.

Milwaukee followed an old-school path to a championship, navigating the natural progression of draft picks building cohesion and greatness through failure. It wasn't LeBron James replacing his chess pieces, or Kevin Durant relocating for a new ring, or a one-off with Kawhi Leonard.

"Honestly it was great to see," Randle said ahead of New York's game Friday against the Bucks. "It was beautiful to watch simply because they built it from the ground up. They didn't put a super team together. These guys were in the mud every day grinding the thing out. They took some lumps along the way there trying to figure it out. But clearly it worked and figured it out and did something that's very unique, especially in today's league, as far as building something like that and not putting a bunch of players together."

Randle still gets goosebumps talking about the Bucks' championship run, and that's connected to his vision for the Knicks. Nobody is confusing New York for title contenders — especially coming off consecutive dud defeats to Toronto and Indiana — but its path is currently following the Bucks model, the steady upward curve associated with better chemistry rather than a roster overhaul.

"[Milwaukee's championship] motivates me extremely," Randle said. "I remember watching it and getting chills. I'm getting chills right now just thinking about it. Because I know personally the grind and effort and how much time it takes to

continue to get better, how much time it takes you really have to put in."

Randle, who signed a four-year extension in the summer, then reiterated his goal of winning the Knicks' first title since 1973. With the Bucks title this year, New York's drought now represents the NBA's longest among franchises that haven't rebranded and relocated.

"This league is really hard. And doing it the way the Bucks did organically was really cool," he said. "I don't think there's no better place to do it than here. I've always said there's no better place than New York."

Randle's sentiment and confidence are great for Knicks fans to hear, but there are flaws in projecting a Milwaukee-type path to the Larry O'Brien trophy.

Firstly, Randle is a bonafide All-Star but Giannis Antetokounmpo is a bonafide MVP. It has been 17 years since a team (the Pistons) won a championship without an all-time great player. The Bucks also spent three seasons in the title contender category before breaking into the Finals. At this stage, the Knicks would view a second-round appearance as success and progress.

It's a process and New York doesn't hold the advantage of Antetokounmpo, who Friday will try to continue his dominance of the Knicks, a team he's beaten 19 times in 26 attempts while averaging 22.1 points and 9.7 rebounds.

"Tough challenge," Randle said, "but we'll be up for it"

The dynamic was different in the summer when the Knicks were fans of the Bucks and drawing inspiration.

"It feels good to see a team like that win," Evan Fournier said. "You can cheer for them, for sure. I think as a team also, you can appreciate it more than just having superstars get together and win when you have a team that built everything from the draft and that kinda grinded it out and get better and better and better. I think it's easy to cheer for."

Easy to root for. Harder to replicate. But the Knicks are trying.

NBA LATE WEDNESDAY

Durant scores 32, Nets hit 22 3s in 117-108 win over Hawks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn Nets are starting to look like the team that was so potent a season ago.

Kevin Durant scored 32 points and led the spurt that broke open the game late in the third quarter, and the Nets beat the Atlanta Hawks 117-108 on Wednesday night for their third straight victory.

"We're finding that rhythm, we're finding each other and it's just getting a lot easier," James Harden said.

Durant had 13 points in a 20-4 run to end the third that turned a tie game into a 16-point Nets lead going to the fourth. He added seven rebounds and five assists overall.

Joe Harris made six 3-pointers and scored 18 points, Harden had 16 points and 11 assists, and the Nets finished 4-2 on their home-stand. They begin a six-game road trip Friday.

"We knew it was going to be a process for us. I'm glad we were able to figure some stuff out the last few games and get back on the right page," Durant said. "We know it's going to be tougher on the road but we've just got to keep grinding."

DeAndre Hunter made all six 3-pointers and scored 26 points for the Hawks. Trae Young had 21 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds, but shot just 6 for 22.

After a slow start to the season, the Nets are finding a flow. They shot a franchise-record 65.3% in a 117-91 rout of Detroit on Sunday and followed that by making 22 3-pointers Wednesday, their most since hitting a franchise-best 27 last Feb. 15 at Sacramento.

Durant snapped a 75-all tie with a pair of free throws with 4:40 left in the third, then added another basket and a 3 for a seven-point lead.

Then, leading by four, the Nets scored the final 12 points of the third quarter. Durant finished that with a 3 just before the buzzer to send Brooklyn to the fourth with a 95-79 cushion.



UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES VETERAN'S OPEN HOUSE



In recognition of the self-sacrifice veterans of the United States Armed Services have made and continue to make in the service of their country, Hartford Gun Club will be holding an open house for our citizen-soldiers. As a sign of gratitude the Hartford Gun Club will offer a special shooting day open to the public and all Veterans **Sunday November 7, 2021 from 10 am to 3:30 pm.** Fun for the whole family!!

A \$5.00 parking fee will be charged with proceeds of the money earned from the open house will go to The Wounded Warriors, American Huey 369, and other Veteran causes. There will also be a 20% discount on memberships to all Veterans.

There will be a demonstration of Military Fire Arms and Rifles from World War II to present day. Qualified persons attending can participate in the demonstrations. There will also be Military Vehicles displayed. Food and refreshments will be available. The proceeds will be donated to the cause. **We will be offering helicopter rides, weather permitting.**

Please come and support all veterans, and help us make this another successful event.

All strict safety measures and standards will be enforced. Safety Instructors and Range Officials will be present at this event. For further information contact the Hartford Gun Club at **860-658-1614** or visit our website at **www.hartfordgunclub.com**.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	6	2	.750	—
Toronto	5	3	.625	½
Brooklyn	5	3	.625	1
New York	5	3	.625	1
Boston	3	5	.375	3
SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	6	1	.857	—
Washington	5	3	.625	1½
Charlotte	4	4	.556	2
Atlanta	5	4	.500	2½
Orlando	2	7	.222	5
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	6	2	.750	—
Cleveland	5	4	.556	1½
Milwaukee	4	4	.500	2
Indiana	3	6	.333	3½
Detroit	1	6	.143	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	5	3	.625	—
Memphis	5	3	.625	—
San Antonio	2	6	.250	3
Houston	1	6	.143	3½
New Orleans	1	8	.111	4½
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	6	1	.857	—
Denver	4	4	.500	2½
Minnesota	3	4	.429	3
Portland	3	5	.375	3
Oklahoma City	1	6	.143	5
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	6	1	.857	—
L.A. Lakers	5	3	.625	1½
Sacramento	4	4	.500	2½
Phoenix	3	3	.500	2½
L.A. Clippers	3	4	.429	3

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia at Detroit, late
Boston at Miami, late
Utah at Atlanta, late
Houston at Phoenix, late
Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Brooklyn at Detroit, 7p.m.
Memphis at Washington, 7p.m.
San Antonio at Orlando, 7p.m.
Cleveland at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 7:30p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Charlotte at Sacramento, 10p.m.
Indiana at Portland, 10p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 10p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 92, Orlando 79
Cleveland 107, Portland 104
Indiana 111, New York 98
Philadelphia 103, Chicago 98
Toronto 109, Washington 100
Brooklyn 117, Atlanta 108
L.A. Clippers 126, Minnesota 115
Memphis 108, Denver 106
Dallas 109, San Antonio 108
Sacramento 112, New Orleans 99
Golden State 114, Charlotte 92

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Philadelphia	14	8	11	53	47	34
Nashville	12	4	17	53	54	32
New York City FC	14	11	8	50	55	35
Atlanta	12	9	12	48	43	36
Orlando City	12	9	12	48	48	48
N.Y. Red Bulls	13	12	8	47	38	32
CF Montréal	12	11	9	46	46	42
D.C. United	13	15	5	44	53	53
Columbus	12	13	4	44	44	45
Inter Miami CF	11	17	5	38	35	53
Chicago	9	17	7	34	36	52
Toronto FC	6	17	10	28	38	63
Cincinnati	4	21	8	20	36	72
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Seattle	17	8	8	59	52	32
Sporting KC	17	9	7	58	58	39
Colorado	16	7	10	58	46	33
Portland	16	13	4	52	53	52
Minnesota United	13	11	9	48	46	42
Vancouver	12	9	12	48	44	44
LA Galaxy	13	12	8	47	47	51
Real Salt Lake	13	14	6	45	54	54
Los Angeles FC	12	12	9	45	51	46
San Jose	10	13	10	40	45	53
FC Dallas	7	15	11	32	46	55
Austin FC	9	20	4	31	35	53
Houston	6	16	12	30	36	54

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Atlanta at Cincinnati, 3:30p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 3:30p.m.
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 3:30p.m.
Miami at New England, 3:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Nashville, 3:30p.m.
Orlando City at CF Montréal, 3:30p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. City FC, 3:30p.m.
Austin FC at Portland, 6p.m.
FC Dallas at San Jose, 6p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Colorado, 6p.m.
Minnesota at LA Galaxy, 6p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Sporting KC, 6p.m.
Seattle at Vancouver, 6p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
CF Montréal 2, Houston 0
Atlanta 0, N.Y. Red Bulls 0
Austin FC 3, Sporting Kansas City 1
Portland 3, Real Salt Lake 1

NWSL PLAYOFFS
SUNDAY'S QUARTERFINALS
#5 Goltahn FC at #4 Chicago, 3p.m.
#6 N. Carolina at #3 Washington, 5:30p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 14 SEMIFINALS
Gotham/Chicago at #2 OL Reign, 3p.m.
NYC/Wash at #1 Portland, 5:30p.m.

NWSL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Nov. 20in Louisville, noon

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE
FRIDAY'S MATCH
Southampton vs. Aston Villa, 4p.m.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Man United vs. Man City, 8:30a.m.
Brentford vs. Norwich, 11a.m.
Chelsea vs. Burnley, 11a.m.
Crystal Palace vs. Wolverhampton, 11a.m.
Brighton vs. Newcastle, 1:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Arsenal vs. Watford, 9a.m.
Everton vs. Tottenham, 9a.m.
Leeds vs. Leicester, 9a.m.
West Ham vs. Liverpool, 11:30a.m.

TENNIS

ATP ROLAX PARIS MASTERS
Thursday at Palais Omnisports de Paris-Bercy/Paris, indoor-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Novak Djokovic d. #15 Gael Monfilis, walkover
#2 Daniil Medvedev d. Sebastian Korda, 6-4, 6-1, 6-3.
#4 Alexander Zverev d. #16 Grigor Dimitrov, 7-6(4), 6-7(3), 6-3.
#5 Casper Ruud d. Marcos Giron, 6-2, 6-1.
#7 Hubert Hurkacz d. Dominik Koepfer, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Taylor Fritz d. #10 Cameron Norrie, 6-3, 7-6(3).
James Duckworth d. Alexei Popyrin, 7-6(6), 6-4.
Hugo Gaston d. Carlos Alcaraz, 6-4, 7-5.

WTA ARGENTINE OPEN
Thursday at Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club, Buenos Aires, red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#1 Mayar Sherif d. Katharina Gerlach, 6-3, 6-2.
#4 Irina Bara d. Carolina Meligeni Rodríguez Alves, 7-5, 6-3.
#6 Ekaterine Gorgodze d. Xiaodi You, 1-6, 6-3, 6-1.
#8 Desina Papamichail d. Solana Sierra, 7-6(6), 6-4.

WTA DOW TENNIS CLASSIC
Thursday at Midland Community Tennis Center, Midland, Mich., indoor-hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16
#2 Misaki Doi d. Dalayna Hewitt, 6-3, 6-2.
#5 Caty McNally d. Elvina Kalieva, 6-0, 6-3.
Robin Anderson d. #7 Katarzyna Kawa, 6-3, 6-3.
Francesca Di Lorenzo d. Conny Perrin, 6-1, 5-7, 6-3.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
Florida	9	8	0	1	17	36 18
Tampa Bay	9	5	3	1	11	29 30
Buffalo	9	5	3	1	11	28 22
Toronto	10	5	4	1	11	25 29
Detroit	10	4	4	2	10	29 34
Boston	7	4	3	0	8	18 20
Ottawa	9	3	5	1	7	24 30
Montreal	13	3	8	0	6	22 34
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
Carolina	9	9	0	0	18	37 15
N.Y. Rangers	10	6	2	2	14	24 22
Washington	9	5	1	3	13	32 22
Columbus	9	6	3	0	12	28 26
Philadelphia	8	5	2	1	11	28 21
New Jersey	8	4	3	1	9	21 25
N.Y. Islanders	7	3	2	2	8	17 18
Pittsburgh	8	3	3	2	8	26 25

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
St. Louis	8	6	1	1	13	31 18
Winnipeg	9	5	2	2	12	32 29
Minnesota	9	6	3	0	12	27 30
Nashville	10	5	5	0	10	28 29
Colorado	9	4	4	1	9	28 32
Dallas	9	3	4	2	8	18 26
Chicago	11	1	8	2	4	25 42
ARIZONA	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF GA
Edmonton	9	8	1	0	16	39 23
Calgary	9	6	1	2	14	31 18
San Jose	9	6	3	0	12	27 22
Anaheim	11	4	4	3	11	35 35
Los Angeles	10	4	5	1	9	27 29
Vancouver	10	4	5	1	9	25 27
Vegas	9	4	5	0	8	21 30
Seattle	10	3	6	1	7	25 33

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit at Boston, late
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, late
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, late
Tampa Bay at Toronto, late
Vegas at Ottawa, late
Washington at Florida, late
Dallas at Calgary, late
Buffalo at Seattle, late
St. Louis at San Jose, late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Chicago at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, 9p.m.
Arizona at Anaheim, 10p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10p.m.
New Jersey at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina 4, Chicago 3
Edmonton 5, Nashville 2
Columbus 5, Colorado 4(OT)
Los Angeles 3, St. Louis 2 (SO)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

(Subject to change)
THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Del. St. (4-4) at Morgan St. (0-8), late
Ga. St. (4-4) at La.-Lafayette (7-1), late

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Princeton (7-0) at Dartmouth (6-1), 6p.m.
Va. Tech (4-4) at Bos. Coll. (4-4), 7:30p.m.
Utah (5-3) at Stanford (3-5), 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
East
Merrimack (4-4) at Wagner (0-8), noon
Bryant (5-3) at CCSU (2-6), noon
Stony Brook (3-5) at Maine (4-4), noon
Kennesaw (7-1) at Robt. Morris (3-4), noon
Duquesne (4-3) at LIU Bklyn (2-5), noon
Sacred Heart (5-3) at St. Francis (Pa.) (4-4), noon
Lafayette (3-5) at Holy Cross (6-2), noon
Drake (2-6) at Marist (3-4), noon
Yale (4-3) at Brown (2-5), 12:30p.m.
Fordham (5-3) at Albany (2-5), 12:30p.m.
New Hamp. (3-5) at Gtown (NY) (0-8), 1p.m.
N. Ala. (2-6) at Monmouth (5-3), 1p.m.
Cornell (1-6) at Penn (3-4), 1p.m.
Lehigh (0-8) at Bucknell (1-7), 1p.m.
Wm. & Mary (6-2) at Delaware (4-4), 1p.m.
Harvard (5-2) at Columbia (5-2), 1p.m.
Penn St. (5-3) at Maryland (5-3), 3:30p.m.
Okla. (7-1) at WV a. (4-4), 3:30p.m.
Wisconsin (5-3) at Rutgers (4-4), 3:30p.m.
Rh. Island (5-3) at Umass (1-7), 3:30p.m.

South
Liberty (7-2) at Mississippi (6-2), noon
Wake Forest (8-0) at N. Carolina (4-4), noon
SMU (7-1) at Memphis (4-4), noon
Louisiana Tech (2-6) at UAB (5-3), noon
Pittsburgh (6-2) at Duke (3-5), noon
Alcorn St. (5-3) at Bethune-Cookman (0-8), noon
Missouri (4-4) at Georgia (8-0), noon
Ga. Tech (3-5) at Miami (4-4), 12:30p.m.
St. Thomas (MN) (5-3) at Davidson (6-1), 1p.m.
Dayton (4-4) at Seton (4-4), 1p.m.
VMI (6-2) at ETSU (7-1), 1p.m.
Nicholls (4-4) at McNeese (3-5), 1p.m.
Gard.-Webb (3-5) at Hampton (3-5), 1p.m.
NC A&T (5-3) at Chas. So. (3-4), 1p.m.
Chattanooga (5-3) at Wofford (1-7), 1p.m.
Tenn. Tech (3-5) at Murray St. (3-5), 2p.m.
Towson (4-4) at Richmond (3-5), 2p.m.
MVSU (2-6) at Ala. A&M (4-3), 2p.m.
Furman (4-4) at W. Carolina (2-6), 2p.m.
Howard (2-6) at SC State (4-4), 2p.m.
Villanova (6-2) at Elon (4-4), 2p.m.
Ablene Ch. (4-4) at Jacksonville St. (3-5), 2p.m.
Texas So. (3-5) at Jackson St. (7-1), 2p.m.
Norfolk St. (6-2) at NC Cent. (3-5), 2p.m.
N. Texas (2-6) at So. Miss. (1-7), 3p.m.
E. Illinois (1-8) at Austin Peay (3-5), 3p.m.
The Citadel (2-6) at Samford (3-5), 3p.m.
Tenn. St. (5-3) at UT Martin (7-1), 3p.m.
Temple (3-5) at E. Carolina (4-4), 3p.m.
Mid Tenn. (4-4) at W. Ky. (4-4), 3:30p.m.
S. Alabama (5-3) at Troy (4-4), 3:30p.m.
Campbell (3-5) at J. Madison (7-1), 3:30p.m.
Rice (3-5) at Charlotte (4-4), 3:30p.m.
Houston Bapt. (0-8) at NW St. (1-7), 4p.m.
NC State (6-2) at Florida St. (3-5), 4p.m.
Tulane (1-7) at UCF (5-3), 4p.m.
Marshall (5-3) at FAU (5-3), 6p.m.
Co. Carolina (7-1) at Ga. So. (2-6), 6p.m.
LSU (4-4) at Alabama (7-1), 7p.m.
Fla. A&M (6-2) at Southern U. (4-4), 7p.m.
Tennessee (4-4) at Kentucky (6-2), 7p.m.
Old Dominion (2-6) at FIU (1-7), 7p.m.
Clemson (5-3) at Louisville (4-4), 7:30p.m.
Florida (4-4) at S. Carolina (4-4), 7:30p.m.
Houston (7-1) at S. Florida (2-6), 7:30p.m.

Midwest
Kansas St. (5-3) at Kansas (1-7), noon
Ohio State (7-1) at Nebraska (3-6), noon
Illinois (3-6) at Minnesota (6-2), noon
N. Iowa (5-3) at Illinois St. (3-5), 1p.m.
Yngstown St. (2-5) at N. Dakota (3-5), 1p.m.
S. Dakota (5-3) at W. Illinois (2-7), 1p.m.
Mo. St. (5-3) at S. Illinois (6-2), 1p.m.
Presbyterian (2-6) at Valparaiso (2-6), 2p.m.
N. Dak St. (8-0) at S. Dak. St. (6-2), 3p.m.
Navy (2-6) at Notre Dame (7-1), 3:30p.m.
Quinn (3-5) at Cincinnati (8-0), 3:30p.m.
Mich. St. (8-0) at Purdue (3-5), 3:30p.m.
Iowa (6-2) at Northwestern (3-5), 7p.m.
Indiana (2-6) at Michigan (7-1), 7:30p.m.
Texas (4-4) at Iowa St. (5-3), 7:30p.m.

Southwest
Dixie St. (0-8) at Sam Hou. St. (7-0), 1p.m.
Appalach. St. (6-2) at Ark. St. (1-7), 2p.m.
SE La. (7-1) at Incarnate Word (6-2), 3p.m.
Ala. St. (3-4) at Prairie View (6-1), 3p.m.
La-Monroe (4-4) at Texas St. (2-6), 3p.m.
Grambling St. (3-5) at UAPB (1-7), 3p.m.
Auburn (6-2) at Texas A&M (6-2), 3:30p.m.
Baylor (7-1) at TCU (3-5), 3:30p.m.
Miss. St. (5-3) at Arkansas (5-3), 4p.m.
E. Ky. (6-2) at Step. F. Austin (5-3), 4p.m.
Tex. Wesleyan (0-0) at C. Ark. (4-4), 5p.m.
Lamar (2-6) at Tarleton St. (4-4), 7p.m.
UTSA (8-0) at UTEP (6-2), 10:15p.m.

West
Air Force (6-2) vs. Army (4-3) in Arlington, Texas, 11:30a.m.
Montana (6-2) at N. Colorado (3-6), 2p.m.
California (3-5) at Arizona (0-8), 3p.m.
Port. St. (4-4) at Weber St. (4-4), 3p.m.
Idaho St. (1-7) at BYU (7-2), 3:30p.m.
Colo. St. (3-5) at Wyoming (4-4), 3p.m.
UC Davis (7-1) at N. Arizona (4-4), 4p.m.
S. Utah (1-8) at Idaho (2-6), 4p.m.
Morehead St. (5-3) at S. Diego (5-4), 4p.m.
Utah St. (6-2) at N. Mex. St. (1-7), 4p.m.
Montana St. (7-1) at E. Wash. (7-1), 4p.m.
UNLV (0-8) at New Mexico (3-5), 7p.m.
Boise St. (4-4) at Fresno St. (7-2), 7p.m.
Ore. St. (5-3) at Colorado (2-6), 7p.m.
Oregon (7-1) at Washington (4-4), 7:30p.m.
Cal Poly (1-7) at Sacra. St. (6-2), 9p.m.
San Jose St. (5-4) at Nevada (6-2), 10p.m.
USC (4-4) at Arizona St. (5-3), 10:30p.m.
San Diego St. (7-1) at Hawaii (4-5), 11p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
Cent. Michigan 42, Western Michigan 30
Kent State 52, Northern Illinois 47

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	229	109
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	164
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	114	206
Miami	1	7	0	.125	138	233
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	227	195
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	200	183
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	123	203
Houston	1	7	0	.125	119	241
NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	164
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	220	162
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	132	142
Cleveland	4	4	0	.500	183	180
WEST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	166
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	172	177
Denver	4	4	0	.500	157	137
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	208	220

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	6	1	0	.857	225	162
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	203	191
N.Y. Giants	2	6	0	.250	156	200
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227
SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183

FOOTBALL

Nov. 13: at Clemson, noon, ACC Network



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season opener against Arkansas and then 17 regular-season conference games. This will be the 10th season UConn women's basketball has been on SNY.

The Huskies will then have two games each on Fox and CBS Sports Network, as well as at least two apiece on ESPN and ESPN2, one on ABC and one on FS1.

The UConn women's exhibition game against Fort Hays State will not be televised but can be livestreamed at UConn-Huskies.com.

The Huskies' first two Battle 4 Atlantis games will only be available to stream on the subscription site FloHoops.

The tournament's championship game, which UConn is likely to play in, will air on ESPN2, while the third-place game will be broadcast on ESPNU.

How to watch SNY games: In-market

(Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania)

If your cable/satellite provider carries SNY, you can access all games on your TV. The Connecticut providers are: Altice/Optimum, Charter Spectrum, Cox, Comcast/Xfinity and DirecTV. Frontier and Atlantic Broadband dropped SNY in recent years.

You can also access SNY on DirecTV Stream, FuboTV, Hulu + Live

TV and YouTube TV, if you subscribe to those streaming services rather than cable.

Authenticated SNY subscribers can access UConn games and pregame and postgame coverage at SNY.tv and through the NBC Sports App. Use your log-in credentials for your cable provider or streaming service if you want to access SNY online or through the NBC app.

How to watch SNY games:

Out-of-market

If Fox is part of your TV package, you can access games at no additional cost through the Fox Sports app or online by signing in at https://www.foxsports.com/ with your cable provider or streaming service log-in credentials.

(If you are an in-market viewer and don't have SNY, you can't access games through Fox Sports, as those games are subject to a regional blackout. Sorry.)

SNY may be available to some DirecTV, Verizon FiOS, Comcast Cable and AT&T U-Verse customers nationally. Check with your cable provider to see whether you're in one of those lucky zip codes.

UConn's schedule and TV designations:

Nov. 14 vs. Arkansas, 1 p.m. (SNY)
Nov. 20 vs. Minnesota in Battle 4 Atlantis, noon (FloHoops)
Nov. 21 vs. USF or Syracuse in Battle 4 Atlantis, TBD (FloHoops)
Nov. 22 vs. TBD in Battle 4 Atlantis, TBD (TBD)
Dec. 3 at Seton Hall, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Dec. 5 vs. Notre Dame, noon (FS1)
Dec. 9 at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.

(ESPN2)
Dec. 11 vs. UCLA in Never Forget Tribute Classic, 1 p.m. (ABC)
Dec. 19 vs. Louisville in Basketball Hall of Fame Women's Showcase, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dec. 29 vs. Marquette, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Dec. 31 at DePaul, 2 p.m. (SNY)
Jan. 5 at Georgetown, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Jan. 7 at Villanova, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Jan. 9 vs. Creighton, 1 p.m. (SNY)
Jan. 12 at Butler, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Jan. 15 vs. Xavier, noon (SNY)
Jan. 17 at Oregon, 5 p.m. (ESPN2)
Jan. 21 vs. Seton Hall, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Jan. 23 at St. John's, 1 p.m. (SNY)
Jan. 27 at South Carolina, 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Jan. 30 at Providence, 11 a.m. (SNY)
Feb. 2 at Creighton, 7:30 p.m. (SNY)
Feb. 4 vs. Butler, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Feb. 6 vs. Tennessee, noon/1 p.m. (Fox)
Feb. 9 vs. Villanova, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Feb. 11 vs. DePaul, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Feb. 13 at Marquette, 2:30 p.m. (Fox)
Feb. 18 at Xavier, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Feb. 20 vs. Georgetown, 2 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)
Feb. 25 vs. St. John's, 7 p.m. (SNY)
Feb. 27 vs. Providence, 2 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)
March 4-7: Big East Tournament (FS1/FS2)

Nov. 25 vs. Michigan State or Loyola-Chicago in Battle 4 Atlantis, TBD (ESPN/ESPN2)
Nov. 26 vs. TBD in Battle 4 Atlantis, TBD (ESPN family of networks)
Nov. 30 vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, 7 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)
Dec. 4 vs. Grambling State, 4 p.m. (FS2)
Dec. 8 at West Virginia, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 11 vs. St. Bonaventure in Never Forget Classic, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Dec. 18 vs. Providence, 5 p.m. (Fox)
Dec. 21 at Marquette, 9 p.m. (FS1)
Dec. 28 at Xavier, 7 p.m. (FS1)
Jan. 1 vs. Butler, 4 p.m. (FS1)
Jan. 8 at Seton Hall, noon (Fox)
Jan. 12 vs. St. John's, 8:30 p.m. (FS1)
Jan. 15 at Providence, 2 p.m. (FS1)
Jan. 20 at Butler, 9 p.m. (FS1)
Jan. 25 vs. Georgetown, 8:30 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)
Jan. 29 at DePaul, 6:30 p.m. (FS1)
Feb. 1 vs. Creighton, 6:30 p.m. (FS1)
Feb. 5 at Villanova, noon (Fox)
Feb. 8 vs. Marquette, 6:30 p.m. (FS1)
Feb. 13 at St. John's, noon (Fox)
Feb. 16 vs. Seton Hall, 8:30 p.m. (CBS Sports Network)
Feb. 19 vs. Xavier, noon (Fox)
Feb. 25 vs. Villanova, 8 p.m. (FS1)
Feb. 27 at Georgetown, noon (CBS)
March 2 at Creighton, 8:30 p.m. (FS1)
March 5 vs. DePaul, TBD (TBD)
March 9-12 Big East Tournament (Fox/FS1)

PATRIOTS

Panthers coach saw special things in Jones awhile ago

By Nicole Yang
Boston Globe

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — It didn't take Matt Rhule much time to recognize the potential of Mac Jones. Just how quickly did he know Jones would start his NFL career so successfully?

"After you spend five or 10 minutes with him," the Panthers coach said Thursday morning via conference call. "I mean, he's just got juice."

Jones was one of four quarterbacks Rhule coached on the American Team at the Senior Bowl in January. Even though Jones didn't play because he tweaked his left ankle, Rhule gathered a strong sense of what the Alabama prospect could bring to the next level.

The fact that Jones even decided to participate in the Senior Bowl was noteworthy to Rhule. Coming off his first season as a full-time starter, Jones had just thrown for 464 yards and five touchdowns in the national championship game.

"The fact that he's here speaks a lot about who he is," Rhule said

at the time.

With the Patriots and Panthers set to play Sunday, Rhule is not surprised by Jones's early success. Through eight weeks, the 23-year-old Jones leads all rookie quarterbacks in passing yards (1,997), completion percentage (68.1), average yards per attempt (7.1), touchdown passes (9), and quarterback rating (90.1).

According to Rhule, Jones's accuracy, arm strength, and especially his ability to process information quickly were all apparent on the practice fields back in January.

"You could see how intelligent he was the first day," Rhule recalled. "I mean, we put a lot of install in, a lot of words in, just to see if they could recite it. You could see pretty quickly he had a feel for the game, he had some moxie, and he was really, really intelligent."

Injury report: Starting cornerback J.C. Jackson was the lone player absent from Patriots practice Thursday, missing his second straight day with an illness. Eleven other Patriots were limited.

JETS

Duvernay-Tardif on the COVID frontlines; Carter a dual threat

By DJ Bien-Aime II
New York Daily News

INDIANAPOLIS — Newly acquired guard Laurent Duvernay-Tardif hasn't played in a game since he started for the Chiefs in Super Bowl LIV against the 49ers.

The reason why is because Duvernay-Tardif was on the frontline fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada, his home country, after becoming the first player to opt out of the 2020 NFL season. He graduated from McGill University Faculty of Medicine in May 2018 with a Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery.

Duvernay-Tardif went from battling NFL pass rushers to combating COVID-19. Initially, he volunteered for health ministry officials that started a campaign to recruit healthcare professionals and students who specialized in medicine and nursing.

After a crash course, he was hooked, and knew wouldn't be

returning to football for the 2020 season.

"I volunteered to go work in a long-term care facility and I was really part of a movement of healthcare professionals that went back and helped on the frontline," Duvernay-Tardif said on Wednesday. "And after seeing what I saw, I just felt like my role in 2020 was going to be to continue my work there and I decided to opt out."

Carter continues to show promise: Michael Carter played a role in the Jets upsetting the Bengals last Sunday. Carter ran for 77 yards and had 95 receiving, and broke eight tackles according to Pro Football Focus.

"When the ball came to me, I just tried to make the play," Carter said. "You can't force anything in this league or you tense up and you won't be yourself. For me, it was just thinking, 'Any ball can come to me.' And when they actually do, just make the play. Just play like I know how."

Women

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things that maybe a player thinks doesn't translate into games. So you might talk about this is what happened in practice, but they maybe don't realize this is how that translates into a game, and then you're able to show them that."

The scrimmage also confirmed a lot of what he thought he knew.

"We were good offensively," Auriemma said. "Our perimeter players were really good. They shot the ball really well. So the things that I thought we were good at, we were pretty good at."

The school didn't provide stats from the meeting, but Auriemma did divulge one of the players who fared particularly well was freshman guard Azzi Fudd.

Fudd, the No. 1 recruit from the Class of 2021, has gotten strong reviews so far from Auriemma and teammates. Known for her knock-down shooting and form that Steph Curry considers "textbook," Fudd can still be a bit too reserved and not hunt for her shots aggressively enough to Auriemma's liking.

That wasn't an issue once the ball tipped against Boston College.

"She shot the ball great in the scrimmage and she didn't hesitate," Auriemma said. "She got a lot of shots and she made a lot of them. So to me, 'is she going to make enough of them?' is not an issue, it's 'can we get her enough of them?'"

Perimeter shooting from players outside of reigning national player of the year Paige Bueckers will be critical for the Huskies this season. The team aside from Bueckers shot 32% from the arc last year. More consistency from returners, plus the addition of Fudd and fellow freshman Caroline Ducharme, should help with that as well.

Auriemma has also been pleased with the team's ability to get to the basket, something that he said has been a point of emphasis. Returners Christyn Williams and Evina Westbrook are proven slashers, but Auriemma said Ducharme, who is primarily known for her 3-point

shooting, is right there with them.

"She's able to use her length to get to the basket a lot," he said. "Between her and Christyn, and Azzi can too because people come out on her so hard, we've probably gotten the ball on the rim more times already this year than we did all last year," Auriemma said. "[Ducharme is] really good at it."

Another question mark is how Dorka Juhász, a 6-foot-5 graduate transfer from Ohio State, will fold into the mix. The staff's main focus now is to get her caught up to speed in conditioning, since she missed some time in the preseason with a pulled muscle in her thigh. Auriemma also is looking for her not to get overly excited or anxious on the court.

But as far as the coach is concerned, "I don't think she's one of the ones that I'm worried about getting minutes for. She's gonna play. She's good."

So, what are the X-factors from what Auriemma can tell? The mix of experience (four players with three years of collegiate experience) with youth (nine freshmen and sophomores) is "kind of weird, right? So the X-factor is, 'How does that mesh?' And so far so good."

The other goes back to the expectations that entail being a UConn Husky, ones that don't differ much from year to year — winning national titles.

"Are they aware that this is UConn women's basketball and that the object is to win four games [to end the season]? Are they aware of that internally? The team, do they talk about it? Do they know that every day in practice, that's what we're playing for?"

"Because if they're just going to be content to be good and not think long term, then I think we'll come up short. We won't reach our potential, whatever that is. So I've been keeping a watchful eye on what's the mindset, what's the mood. And if you talk to them, I'm sure they say all the right things. They probably are aware of it, but do they actually live it every day? That's what you need to find out."

Still, he admitted he doesn't want the team to feel like their season is a failure if, say, they go

undefeated and don't win a championship, or for players to break under pressure as he pushes them to reach their potential.

"That is the biggest challenge in coaching now: How much do you challenge them without scaring the hell out of them?" Auriemma said. "I haven't completely figured that out yet."

Injury updates

Junior Aubrey Griffin is still nursing a left high-ankle sprain that Auriemma said she suffered in early October and said it's "better, but not where it needs to be." She was seen on the sidelines of Thursday's practice in a boot.

Griffin has had limited practice time this preseason between the ankle sprain and some back issues.

"I don't think she's had one week of practice. Not at all," Auriemma said. "And it's really unfortunate because Aubrey needs the time on the court, but the time that she did have was really, really, really good. And she's somebody that's different than what we have out there, we can move around to different spots and she can affect the game a lot of different ways."

Amari DeBerry, a 6-5 freshman post, was not at practice due to a doctor's appointment. Auriemma said she's working through some injury issues and the staff is trying to get her to 100%.

Kiki Rice commits to UCLA

UConn target Kiki Rice, ESPN's No. 2 prospect in the class of 2022 who visited Storrs last month and was in attendance for First Night, announced Thursday that she will be attending UCLA. UConn, Duke, Arizona and Stanford were also in her top five. With that decision, UConn's two 2022 commits, who both plan to sign their national letters of intent next week, are Ayanna Patterson and Isuneh Brady, the No. 4 and No. 5 players in the class.

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Safety Tip of the Day

When buying toys this holiday season, stay away from those containing watch or "button" batteries. If swallowed, they can cause great harm.



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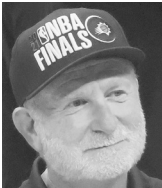
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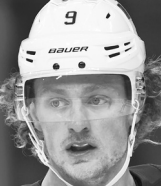
SHORTS

Report sparks probe of Suns, owner



The NBA has asked a law firm to investigate the Suns after a published report Thursday detailed allegations that owner Robert Sarver has a history of racist, misogynistic and hostile incidents during his 17-year tenure in charge of the franchise. ESPN said it talked to dozens of current and former team employees for the story. Most of the allegations are from anonymous sources but a few are on the record. In ESPN's report, Sarver denied or disputed most of the allegations through his legal team. Among the allegations: Former Suns coach Earl Watson said the Sarver was upset that Warriors forward Draymond Green used the N-word during a game in 2016 and that the owner repeated the N-word several times when voicing his displeasure. Watson said he told Sarver that he can't use that word. The report also details a story about how Sarver passed around a picture of his wife in a Suns bikini to employees. The report says more than a dozen employees also said Sarver had a history of "making lewd comments in ... meetings." Sarver, 59 also owns the WNBA's Mercury.

Eichel dealt to Knights, surgery next



Jack Eichel lost nearly an entire season of his NHL career due to a stalemate over how to treat a neck injury. The deposed and now former Sabres captain has finally gained some clarity — and control — over his future. It took eight months, but Eichel can finally start thinking about playing again. The bitter, public feud between the franchise player and team over how to treat the injury reached a resolution Thursday when the Sabres traded the 25-year-old to the Golden Knights. The Sabres acquired a top-10 protected first-round pick in the 2022 draft and a 2023 second-round selection and also sent the Knights a 2023 third-round pick. The Knights will allow Eichel to have his preferred choice of surgery by having his herniated disk artificially replaced, which is something the Sabres denied because the procedure had never been performed on an NHL player. Eichel is in the fourth season of an eight-year, \$80 million contract. He topped 20 goals in each of his first five seasons and enjoyed a breakout year in 2019-20 before the season was halted due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Giants catcher Posey calls it a career



Initially, as a young player more than a decade ago, Buster Posey had a tough time understanding how the Giants strive to humanize their players, to connect them with a fan base that wants nothing more than to get to know the star athletes they support. He certainly gets it now. He appreciates his place in leaving lasting memories for families to cherish and pass down, and what he means to connecting a community — and even all those Bay Area dogs out there named Buster and Posey. Posey offered a heartfelt goodbye to baseball Thursday following a decorated 12-year career with the Giants during which he won three World Series championships and earned NL rookie of the year and MVP honors, but also an equally impressive career off the field such as his tireless commitment to pediatric cancer and helping others. Part of the reason he's walking away now at age 34 after one of his best seasons yet is to spend more time with his four children. Posey played his entire career for the Giants, finishing with a .302 batting average, 158 HRs and 729 RBIs. —News services



Packers QB Aaron Rodgers is facing backlash for misleading reporters on his COVID-19 vaccination status. **RICK SCUTERI/AP**

NFL COMMENTARY

Don't give him a pass

Rodgers deserves scrutiny over 'immunized' claim

By **Jim Litke**
Associated Press

There are some potentially serious problems with the "unvaccinated-Aaron Rodgers-has-COVID-19" story, so let's get the funny business out of the way first.

When reporters asked the Packers quarterback back in August whether he'd been vaccinated, he replied, "Yeah, I've been immunized."

Not exactly. Rodgers may have won "Celebrity Jeopardy!" a half-dozen years ago, but he's no more a medical doctor than Julius Erving was. Otherwise, he would have known better.

So be charitable and give Rodgers the benefit of the doubt. Assume he really believed whatever cockamamie home remedy some friend whipped up afforded him the same immunity against the virus as the vaccine.

But that's not what he said. And what he said next sure made it sound that by "immunized" Rodgers meant he'd gotten the jab.

"There's guys on the team that haven't been vaccinated. I think it's a personal decision," he added. "I'm not going to judge those guys."

That helps explain why most people were surprised by reports Wednesday that Rodgers tested positive, which can happen to anyone, but even more surprised to learn he wasn't vaccinated. Raise your hand if you were surprised to find out Packers coach Matt LaFleur wasn't one of them.

LaFleur deftly sidestepped a ques-

tion Wednesday about whether Rodgers' "immunization" remark from August was misleading, saying, "It's a great question for Aaron."

The third-year coach also refused to confirm Rodgers' positive test result or his vaccination status, but did acknowledge his star player was in the NFL's COVID-19 protocol, which mandates 10 days away from the team.

Rodgers will miss Sunday's game against the Chiefs, but the Packers are 7-1 with a 3 1/2-game lead in their division. Plus, Jordan Love, his backup and the Packers' first-round draft pick in 2020, gets the chance to gain some much-needed seasoning, and if all goes well, Rodgers will be back in time for the week after against the Seahawks. So what's the big deal?

That could depend on what the Packers know and when they knew it.

According to reports, Rodgers requested an exemption from the COVID protocol this summer based on his antibody levels, and was denied after an infectious disease specialist appointed by the league and the players' union found no proof of protection against the virus. Technically, then, he was unvaccinated and thus subject to some tough restrictions.

Those range from daily testing to mask-wearing to a potential five-day quarantine just for crossing paths with someone who tests positive and Rodgers, as anyone who checks sports and entertainment websites even occasionally knows, gets around.

Last week, two of his receivers — All-Pro Davante Adams and Allen Lazard — and Packers defensive coordinator Joe Barry were in the protocol and missed the win over the Cardinals.

On Tuesday, third-string quarterback Kurt Benkert went on the COVID-19 reserve list. A day later, cornerback Isaac Yiadom joined Rodgers' on the stay-home-from-work list for Week 9.

"I watch what these guys do," LaFleur said, insisting the club has followed the league's guidelines throughout. "I can only speak to our football space, but yeah, absolutely. ... I think our guys do an outstanding job."

Maybe, but NFL officials said they planned to look for themselves. League rules allow vaccinated players who test positive to return after two negative tests taken at least 24 hours apart; unvaccinated players testing positive must isolate for at least 10 days.

"The primary responsibility for enforcement of the COVID protocols within club facilities rests with each club," NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy said in a statement. "Failure to properly enforce the protocols has resulted in discipline being assessed against clubs in the past. The league is aware of the situation in Green Bay and will be reviewing with the Packers."

The big sports in general, and the NFL in particular, have done a very good job of managing the pandemic, largely by adopting strict guidelines and refusing to wink or nod whenever somebody refuses to play by the rules. That's why Kyrie Irving is watching Nets games from his couch instead of a basketball court, and why Nick Rolovich, after just 11 games in charge, became the ex-head coach at Washington State less than a month ago.

Neither was vaccinated, but they didn't claim to be "immunized," either. Whether that's a distinction without a difference remains to be seen.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL GAMES TO WATCH

Michigan State on letdown alert

By **Matt Murschel** | Orlando Sentinel



No. 9 Wake Forest (8-0) at North Carolina (4-4)

Noon Saturday, ABC

A victory over North Carolina would give Wake Forest, just inside the top 10 of the first College Football Playoff rankings, nine wins for the third time in program history and the first since 2007. Because of a scheduling quirk, this game is the second of a home-and-home nonconference series between the two ACC schools. Quarterbacks Sam Hartman (Wake Forest) and Sam Howell (UNC) rank third and fourth in the ACC in passing yards per game. Hartman has passed for 300-plus yards in four straight games and 400-plus in the last two starts. Howell needs 239 yards to become the school's career leader in total offense.



No. 3 Michigan State (8-0) at Purdue (5-3)

3:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC

Purdue already upset Iowa, ranked No. 2 in the AP poll at the time, and a win over Michigan State would not only snap an eight-game losing streak to the Spartans but also make the Boilermakers bowl-eligible for the first time since 2018. Michigan State could improve to 9-0 for the first time since 1966, the last time the Spartans won the national championship. MSU tailback Kenneth Walker III leads the country in rushing yards per game (149.25), which is the second-highest average by a Spartans running back in a season since Lorenzo White (172.2) in 1985.



No. 13 Auburn (6-2) at No. 14 Texas A&M (6-2)

3:30 p.m. Saturday, CBS

Auburn controls its path in the SEC with upcoming games against Texas A&M and Alabama (Nov. 27). Win out and the Tigers can book a trip to Atlanta and a spot in the SEC championship game. Texas A&M, meanwhile, needs to win out and hope Alabama loses to either LSU, Arkansas or Auburn to earn a spot in the league title game. Outside of Georgia, these two teams are the stingiest defenses in the SEC. A&M is allowing 16 points per game, while Auburn is allowing just under 20 (19.8).



LSU (4-4) at No. 2 Alabama (7-1)

7 p.m. Saturday, ESPN

Alabama enters the final month seeking its second straight SEC West title and its third in the last four years. The Crimson Tide have won nine of the last 10 meetings in this series with the last loss coming in LSU's 2019 national championship season. LSU coach Ed Orgeron is winding down his career with the Tigers after reaching an agreement to leave the program at the season's end. Alabama quarterback Bryce Young continues his torrid start, completing 70% of his passes for 2,453 yards and 26 touchdowns.



No. 4 Oregon (7-1) at Washington (4-4)

7:30 p.m. Saturday, ABC

Oregon has won 14 of the last 16 games in this Pac-12 North series, including the last two meetings. COVID-19 protocols canceled last season's game. Washington is hoping to avoid losing to Oregon and Oregon State in the same season for the first time since 2011. Verone McKinley III (four) and Bennett Williams (three) have combined for nearly half of the Ducks' 16 interceptions. The Huskies are the only team in the country that has scored on every red-zone opportunity (15 TDs, nine field goals in 24 attempts).

Other Top 25 games of note

No. 5 Ohio State (7-1) at Nebraska (3-6): The Buckeyes have won six straight meetings by an average of 35 points, with just one game being decided by fewer than 25.

Indiana (2-6) at No. 7 Michigan (7-1): The Hoosiers snapped a 24-game losing streak to the Wolverines last season, but have come crashing down in 2021.




Tennessee (4-4) at No. 18 Kentucky (6-2): Wildcats have a chance to secure a New Year's Six bowl bid if they win out.



Coach Jeff Brohm and Purdue already have a win over a top-five team under their belt this season. **REBECCA S. GRATZ/AP**

WEATHER

FRIDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny and cool.
North wind
around 5 mph.

HIGH
53°

LOW
27°

SATURDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and
cool.

HIGH
52°

LOW
30°

SUNDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and
sunshine, cool.

HIGH
53°

LOW
34°

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Sunny and
milder.

HIGH
60°

LOW
39°

TUESDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET





Mostly sunny and
mild.

HIGH
62°

LOW
42°

CONNECTICUT WEATHER

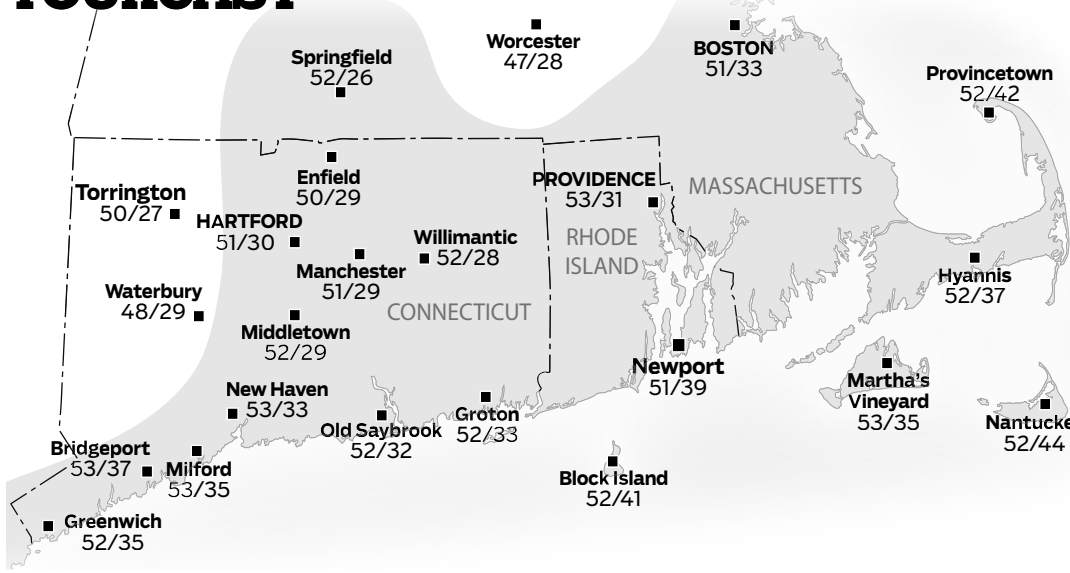
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



OUTLOOK

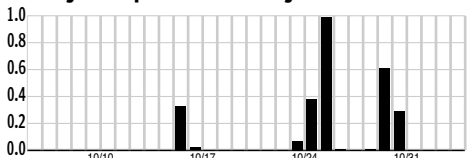
High pressure over southwestern Pennsylvania will bring sunny skies and cool temperatures across the state on Friday with high temperatures in the upper 40s to the mid-50s. The mildest readings will be along the shoreline and coolest temperatures will be in Litchfield County. The wind will remain on the light side, north at around 5 mph. The weekend will get off to a sunny start on Saturday with high temperatures again in the upper 40s to the mid-50s. There will be a mixture of clouds and sunshine on Sunday as a storm system passes well south and east of the state.

-Gary Lessor

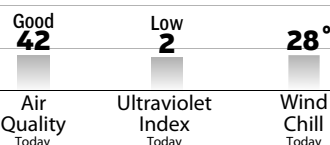
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Precipitation in Inches	Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.11
Month to date	0.00	0.45	
Total this year	50.04	39.91	
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks			

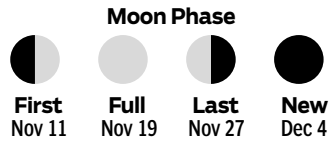
30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.	7:29 a.m.
Sunset	5:41 p.m.	5:40 p.m.
Moonrise	8:16 a.m.	9:37 a.m.
Moonset	6:20 p.m.	7:02 p.m.

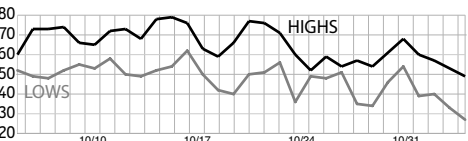


Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	10:01 a.m. 10:27 p.m.	4:03 a.m. 4:51 p.m.	57°
Saybrook Jetty	11:12 a.m. 11:38 p.m.	4:56 a.m. 5:44 p.m.	58°
Connecticut River at Portland	1:34 a.m. 1:55 p.m.	8:42 a.m. 9:30 p.m.	
Madison	11:35 a.m. p.m.	5:17 a.m. 5:57 p.m.	58°
New Haven	11:55 a.m. p.m.	5:41 a.m. 6:21 p.m.	59°
Stamford	11:59 a.m. p.m.	5:55 a.m. 6:35 p.m.	62°
River Stage at Hartford: 8.63 feet at 5:30 p.m.			
Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B.I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	N, 10-15	N, 10-15	N, 10-15
Seas	1-2 ft.	1-3 ft.	1-3 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Thursday	49 at 2:35 p.m.	27 at 6:24 a.m.
Normal for date	56	36
Record for date	78 in 1987	23 in 1984
A year ago	62	28
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Nov 4	359	556	532

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.38 at 9 a.m.	30.28 at 4 p.m.
Dew point	32° at 10 a.m.	23° at 6 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND

Bangor	46 23 PC
Burlington	47 30 PC
Caribou	41 26 PC
Concord	49 21 S
Montpelier	42 22 PC
Mt. Wash.	19 14 PC
Portland	48 26 S
Woods Hole	51 32 PC

NATION

Albany	48 27 S
Albuquerque	73 43 S
Atlantic City	55 28 S

WORLD

Baltimore	54 31 S
Bismarck	65 31 PC
Boise	63 43 PC
Buffalo	47 34 PC
Charleston	62 50 C
Cincinnati	52 32 S
Cleveland	47 33 PC
Indianapolis	50 33 S
Jacksonville	61 55 R
Las Vegas	82 58 S
Miami Beach	81 72 T
Milwaukee	51 39 S
San Diego	70 62 PC
Nashville	59 35 S
New Orleans	69 52 PC
New York	53 41 S
Okla. City	60 41 PC
Omaha	62 39 PC
Orlando	74 61 T
Pittsburgh	45 29 PC
Raleigh	56 37 S
St. Louis	56 38 S
Salt Lake City	65 46 PC
San Antonio	67 46 PC
San Juan	89 77 PC
Tucson	88 54 S

WORLD

Amsterdam	50 43 PC
Athens	79 57 S
Bangkok	93 79 SH
Barbados	86 75 T
Beijing	61 46 C
Beirut	82 66 PC
Berlin	48 43 SH
Bermuda	79 71 SH
Budapest	50 38 C
Buenos Aires	68 52 T
Cairo	83 65 S
Cancun	86 73 PC
Dubai	91 73 S
Dublin	50 43 PC
Edinburgh	54 47 C
Helsinki	45 32 SH
Hong Kong	84 77 PC
Istanbul	68 55 PC
Jerusalem	77 63 S
Johannesburg	90 64 T
Kingston	90 77 T
Lisbon	63 50 S
London	50 45 C
Madrid	52 37 PC
Mexico City	71 47 S
Milan	55 37 SH
Montreal	43 39 PC
Moscow	54 46 S
Nassau	86 73 T
New Delhi	84 61 PC
Paris	52 37 C
Prague	48 37 C
Rio de Janeiro	82 63 C
Rome	63 48 SH
Seoul	68 50 S
Singapore	90 75 T
Stockholm	44 36 C
Sydney	73 61 R
Tel Aviv	81 60 S
Tokyo	68 50 PC
Toronto	48 36 S
Vancouver	48 41 SH
Warsaw	50 43 S

WEDNESDAY'S LATE HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

GIRLS SWIMMING

SCC Championship (at SCSU, New Haven)
Team **results:** 1. Amity, 1114; 2. Cheshire, 1099.5; 3. Lauralton Hall, 817; 4. Hand, 710; 5. Guilford, 614.5; 6. North Haven, 586; 7. Lyman Hall, 546; 8. Law, 430; 9. Sheehan, 425; 10. Foran, 396.5; 11. Mercy, 370; 12. Hamden, 361; 13. Shelton, 320; 14. East Haven/Wilbur Cross, 304; 15. Branford, 179; 16. West Haven, 173; 17. Sacred Heart Academy, 169.5.
Note: Cheshire's Avery Potyrala won both the 50free (24.45) and 100 fly (57.32) and was a member of Cheshire's winning 200free relay (1:39.15) and 400free relay (3:38.60) teams. Lyman Hall's Elise Richardson won the 100back (59.38) and Caroline Krawec won the 100breast (1:06.83).

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

FOOTBALL

CCC Tier 1: Conard at East Hartford, 6:30p.m.; Glastonbury at New Britain, 6:30p.m.; Southington at Simsbury, 6:30 p.m.; Maloney at Hall, 7p.m.
CCC Tier 2: Enfield at Middletown, 6:30 p.m.; Newington at Platt, 6:30p.m.; Manchester at Wethersfield, 7p.m.; Windsor at Berlin, 7p.m.
CCC Tier 3: Farmington at South Windsor, 6p.m.; E.O. Smith at Plainville, 6:30 p.m.; RHAM at Bristol Central, 6:30p.m.; Bristol Eastern at Bloomfield, 7p.m.
CCC Tier 4: East Catholic at Hartford Public, 7p.m.
Pequot **Sassacus:** CREC at Cromwell/Portland, 6:30p.m.
Pequot **Inter:** North Branford at Windsor Locks/Suffield/East Granby, 6p.m.; Granby/Canton at Valley Regional/Old Lyme, 6:30p.m.; Morgan at Coventry/Windham Tech/Bolton/Lyman Memorial, 6:30p.m.; Rockville at Haddam-Killingworth, 6:30p.m.
CTC: Northwest United at VG Techs, 6 p.m.; Platt Tech at Cheney Tech, 6p.m.
SCC Tier 1: Shelton at Fairfield Prep, 6 p.m.; North Haven at Hand, 7p.m.
SCC Tier 2: Sheehan at Hamden, 7p.m.; Wilbur Cross at Amity, 7p.m.
SCC Tier 3: Guilford at Bassick, 6p.m.; Foran at East Haven, 7p.m.
SCC **Inter:** Harding at Lyman Hall, 6:30 p.m.; Cheshire at West Haven, 7p.m.
ECC Div. I: Fitch at NFA, 6:30p.m.; New London at East Lyme, 6:30p.m.
ECC Div. II: Stonington at Windham, 6 p.m.; Bacon Academy at Waterford, 6:30p.m.
ECC Div. III: Plainfield at Killingly, 6:30 p.m.
ECC **Inter:** Montville at Ledyard, 6p.m.
NVL **Brass:** Holy Cross at WCA, 7p.m.
NVL **Copper:** Ansonia at Woodland, 6 p.m.
NVL **Iron:** Naugatuck at Wolcott, 6:30 p.m.; St. Paul at Torrington, 7p.m.
NVL **Inter:** Wilby at Oxford, 6p.m.
FCIAC **East:** New Canaan at Fairfield Ludlowe, 6p.m.; Wilton at Fairfield Warde, 6:30p.m.; Bridgeport Central at McMahon, 7p.m.; Norwalk at Darien, 7p.m.
FCIAC **West:** Greenwich at Danbury, 7 p.m.; Trumbull at Ridgefield, 7p.m.
SWC: New Milford at Pomperaug, 6:30 p.m.; Barlow at Masuk, 7p.m.; Brookfield at Stratford, 7p.m.; Bunnell at Bethel, 7p.m.; Notre Dame-Fairfield at New Fairfield, 7p.m.; Newtown at Weston, 7p.m.
Others: Branford at Avon, 6p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Conference Tournaments
ECC—Final (at Ledyard HS)
Division II: Bacon Academy vs. New London, 4:30p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

CIAC State Open (at Wickham Park, Manchester), 2p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

CIAC State Open (at Wickham Park, Manchester), 2:45p.m.

GIRLS SWIMMING

Others: Windsor Locks co-op at Haddam-Killingworth, 4:30p.m.

FRIDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NEC **Tournament**—Semifinals (at Central)
Bryant vs. Central, 1p.m.
Sacred Heart vs. Fairleigh Dickinson, 4p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

Big East **Tournament**—Semifinals (at UConn)
Temple vs. Liberty, 1p.m.
Old Dominion vs. UConn, 4p.m.
NEC **Tournament**—Semifinal (at Wagner)
Rider vs. Fairfield, 11a.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Sacred Heart at St. Francis (Pa.), 6p.m.
Georgetown at UConn, 7p.m.
Binghamton at Hartford, 7p.m.
Central ar Fairleigh Dickinson, 7p.m.
Penn at Yale, 7p.m.
NESCAC **Tournament**—Quarterfinal (at Bowdoin)
Conn. College vs. Wesleyan, 5p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Yale at UConn, 5p.m.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Quinnipiac at Yale, 7p.m.
Sacred Heart at Mercyhurst, 7p.m.
UConn at Maine, 7:30p.m.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

St. Anselm at Sacred Heart, 4p.m.
Boston University at UConn, 6p.m.
Yale at Cornell, 6p.m.
Union at Quinnipiac, 6p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LOCAL SCHEDULES

UConn (1-8)
August 28: Fresno State 45, UConn 0
Sept. 4: Holy Cross 38, UConn 28
Sept. 11: Purdue 49, UConn 0
Sept. 18: Army 52, UConn 21
Sept. 25: Wyoming 24, UConn 22
Oct. 2: Vanderbilt 30, UConn 28
Oct. 9: UMass 27, UConn 13
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 22: Middle Tennessee 44, UConn 13
Nov. 13: at Clemson, noon
Nov. 20: at Central Florida, 4p.m.
Nov. 27: vs. Houston, 4p.m.

CENTRAL (2-6)
Sept. 3: Southern Conn. 28, Central 21
Sept. 11: Central 21, Wagner 19
Sept. 18: Southeastern Louisiana 56, Central 10
Sept. 25: Miami 69, Central 0
Oct. 9: Columbia 22, Central 20
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: LIU 30, Central 13
Oct. 30: Central 49, Merrimack 21
Nov. 6: vs. Bryant, noon
Nov. 13: at Duquesne, noon
Nov. 20: vs. St. Francis (Pa.), noon

TRINITY (6-1)

Sept. 18: Trinity 42, Tufts 28
Sept. 25: Trinity 38, Bowdoin 14
Oct. 2: Trinity 28, Middlebury 0
Oct. 9: Trinity 34, Hamilton 7
Oct. 16: Trinity 45, Bates 7
Oct. 23: Trinity 35, Colby 12
Oct. 30: Williams 42, Trinity 3
Nov. 6: vs. Amherst, 1p.m.
Nov. 13: at Wesleyan, noon

WESLEYAN (6-1)

Sept. 18: Wesleyan 21, Colby 5
Sept. 25: Wesleyan 30, Hamilton 14
Oct. 2: Wesleyan 27, Bates 24
Oct. 9: Wesleyan 38, Bowdoin 35
Oct. 16: Wesleyan 36, Tufts 35
Oct. 23: Wesleyan 24, Middlebury 0
Oct. 30: Amherst 16, Wesleyan 14(4OT)
Nov. 6: at Williams, noon
Nov. 13: vs. Trinity, noon

YALE (4-3)

Sept. 18: Holy Cross 20, Yale 17
Sept. 25: Yale 23, Cornell 17
Oct. 2: Yale 34, Lehigh 0
Oct. 9: Dartmouth 24, Yale 17
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 23: Yale 42, Penn 28
Oct. 30: Yale 37, Columbia 30
Nov. 6: at Brown, 12:30p.m.
Nov. 13: at Princeton, 1p.m.
Nov. 20: vs. Harvard, noon

SACRED HEART (5-3)

Sept. 4: Sacred Heart 21, Bucknell 0
Sept. 11: Bryant 17, Sacred Heart 6
Sept. 18: Sacred Heart 21, Morgan State 7
Sept. 25: Dartmouth 41, Sacred Heart 3
Oct. 2: Howard 22, Sacred Heart 17
Oct. 9: Sacred Heart 20, Merrimack 10
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: Sacred Heart 31, Duquesne 13
Nov. 6: at St. Francis (Pa.), noon
Nov. 13: vs. Wagner, noon
Nov. 20: at LIU, 1p.m.

USL

Championship Playoffs

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Conference Quarterfinals WESTERN
San Diego at San Antonio, 9p.m.
Oakland at El Paso, 9:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

Conference Quarterfinals EASTERN
Memphis at Charlotte, 7p.m.
Tulsa at Tampa Bay, 7:30p.m.
Miami FC at Louisville City, 8p.m.
WESTERN
Colorado Springs at Orange County, 10p.m.
Rio Grande at Phoenix, 10:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Conference Quarterfinals EASTERN
Pittsburgh at Birmingham, 5p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEK 9

Unbeaten Hall faces another tough opponent in Maloney

By Lori Riley

Hartford Courant

As we head into November, there are still some unbeaten teams in the area — Hall, Bloomfield and Cromwell/Portland. Hall (7-0) plays the biggest local game this Friday, going up against Maloney (6-1), whose only loss came to Southington in the season opener.

In the other Friday games, Bloomfield (7-0) will host Bristol Eastern, and Cromwell/Portland (6-0) will face the CREC Co-Op.

Here are the key football matchups to watch this week.

Maloney at Hall

Hall, No. 2 in the Class LL rankings, will host Maloney, No. 2 in the Class L rankings, on Friday at 7 p.m. in a CCC Tier 1 game. Maloney has won six straight. After going scoreless in the first quarter last week against New Britain, the Spartans outscored New Britain 35-0 in the second quarter en route to a 42-6 victory. For Hall, the 1-2 punch of quarterback Eli Salomons (1,385 passing yards, 11 touchdowns) and Leo Perreira (976 rushing yards, 17 touchdowns) has proven effective on offense through the first seven games.

Windsor at Berlin

Berlin (3-4) may be on a three-game losing streak, but the Redcoats have played some tough teams recently, including Maloney (28-13 loss), Hall (28-24 loss) and Newington (43-33 loss). Maybe this week will be the week they turn it around but they will be challenged by a 6-1 Windsor squad in a CCC Tier 2



Hall's Matt Farber catches a pass over his shoulder for a touchdown in Hall's 27-19 victory over Southington Oct. 1. Hall will face Maloney on Friday. JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

game on Friday at 7 p.m. at Sage Park in Berlin.

Branford at Avon

After having COVID-19 quarantine issues and postponing its first two games, Avon (4-1) has rebounded nicely with the only blemish on its record a 55-7 loss to unbeaten Bloomfield on Oct. 8. Avon will host Branford (5-1) Friday at 6 p.m. Branford has won its last five after losing its opener to Amity. Avon is ranked third in the Class M ratings and Branford fourth.

RHAM at Bristol Central

Bristol Central (6-1) will host RHAM (3-4) Friday at 6:30 p.m. in a CCC Tier 3 game. Bristol Central hasn't lost since its opener to Bloomfield, 7-6, and UConn-bound senior Victor Rosa has 1,776 rushing yards and 24 touchdowns. RHAM handed Plainville its second loss last week, 25-21.

Bristol Eastern at Bloomfield

Bloomfield's defense has held five of its opponents to a single touchdown (along with two shutouts) and it will likely be more of the same when the Warhawks host Bristol Eastern (3-4) Friday at 7p.m. in a CCC Tier 3 game. Bloomfield senior Dallas Rose (930 yards) and junior Conellius Patrick (917 yards) each have almost 1,000 yards rushing and have combined for 13 touchdowns.

CREC Co-Op at Cromwell/Portland

Cromwell/Portland will host the CREC Co-Op (1-6) at Pierson Park in Cromwell on Friday at 6:30 p.m. Cromwell is third in the CIAC Class S point rankings behind Bloomfield and Ansonia. Cromwell's junior quarterback Cole Brisson leads the way with 1,142 passing yards and 15 touchdowns. Junior Alex Hair has scored six touchdowns for the Panthers.

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